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IN JOINT OPERATION, U.S. AND U.K. HIT 36 HOUTHI TARGETS IN YEMEN

The US, UK troops bombed Houthi targets at 13 locations in Yemen, with support from Australia, NZ, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands

STRIKES TO DEGRADE MILITIA'S CAPABILITY: US

The US Central Command in a X post said it struck Houthis' multiple underground storage facilities, command and control, missile systems, UAV storage and operation sites, radars and helicopters. The strikes will degrade Houthis' capabilities to attack navy, merchant vessels in the region, the US said

REBELS WARN OF CONFLICT ESCALATION IN THE REGION

- "These attacks will not discourage Yemeni forces from maintaining their support for Palestinians in the face of the Zionist occupation and crimes," Houthi military spokesman Brig Gen Yahya Saree said
- "The aggressors' airstrikes will not go unanswered," he added

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PM Narendra Modi with Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma during the inauguration and foundation stone laying of various projects in Guwahati on Sunday | PTI

Past govts shut eyes to places of worship, says PM

PM inaugurates Kamakhya temple corridor, other projects worth ₹11,600 crore in Assam

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

IN a veiled attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said those who came to power after Independence could not understand the significance of places of worship and set a trend of being ashamed of the country's culture and past for political reasons.

Addressing a gathering in Guwahati after virtually inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for a number of projects in Assam – including the Kamakhya temple corridor project – worth ₹11,599 crore, Modi said no country can grow by erasing its past.

He said he was happy that the situation changed in the past 10 years after the BJP's policies focussed on *vikas* (development) and *virasat* (heritage). Modi added that connecting Assam's historical and spiritual places with modern facilities is a move aimed at preserving these sites and accelerating development.

Noting the growing enthusiasm for spiritual tourism in the country, he mentioned the record footfall of devotees in Varanasi after the completion of the Kashi corridor. "In the past year, 8.5 crore people visited Kashi, more than 5 crore visited Mahakal Lok in Ujjain and over 19 lakh devotees visited Kedardham," the PM said.

He noted that more than 24 lakh people visited Ayodhya after the Ram Temple consecration. He said a similar spectacle would unfold in Guwahati after the Kamakhya corridor project, adding that spiritual tourism can boost the livelihood of even the pooerest.

> **Those who ran the government for a long time since Independence failed to understand the significance of places of worship. They set a trend of being ashamed of their own culture for political gains**
>
> PM Narendra Modi

Apart from the ₹498 crore Kamakhya corridor project, the other major projects coming up in Assam include a six-lane road from the new airport terminal (₹358 crore) in Guwahati, upgradation of Nehru Stadium to FIFA standards (₹831 crore), a new sports complex in Chandrapur (₹300 crore), upgradation of 43 roads, including 38 bridges, as a part of South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Corridor Connectivity at a cost of over ₹3,400 crore.

Misleading ads: PMO directs action against Patanjali

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has directed the Ayush ministry to take action against Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved for alleged misleading advertisements about its products. Following the PMO directive on January 24, the Ayush ministry wrote to the Uttarakhand Ayush department on February 2 to "take appropriate action".

The PMO's move came after RTI activist Dr K V Babu complained to it on January 15 flagging Patanjali's repeated violations of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954. Speaking to TNIE, Dr Babu said both the Ayush ministry and the Uttarakhand State Licensing Authority (SLA) had been dragging their feet over Patanjali's misleading advertisements of its drugs for diabetes, obesity, thyroid and heart diseases.

Dr Babu told this paper that his complaints have been pending with the Drugs Controller General of India, the Union Ayush ministry and Uttarakhand SLA since February 2022. Now that the PMO has intervened, there is hope that some action will be taken, he added.

In its letter to the director, Ayurvedic and Unani Services, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, the Ayush ministry said: "Since the subject pertains to continuous violations of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, by Divya Pharmacy (a unit owned by Patanjali), it comes under the jurisdiction of the State Licensing Authority, Uttarakhand. It is requested to examine the matter and take action as deemed appropriate."

GILL GETS GOING AT 3

After a string of failures, Shubman Gill slammed a century (104), his first at No. 3, to put India in driver's seat in second Test against England on Sunday | PTI | P15

Saffron flag re-hoisting stopped, town tense

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

TENSION prevailed for some time at MK Hubballi of Kittur taluk after the police on Sunday stopped a 'Chalo Bhagava Abhiyan' rally organised by local Hindu activists to re-hoist a saffron flag again near a Hanuman temple in the town.

The police department had deployed hundreds of policemen all over MK Hubballi town as a precautionary measure, and prohibited the rally, citing that prior permission had not been taken.

Superintendent of Police Bhimashankar Guled, who visited the town, discussed the situation with Chief Executive Officer of MK Hubballi Town Panchayat Ravindra Bagalkoti. He instructed the police staff on the ground to ensure that law and order is maintained. He requested the public too to cooperate with the police.

Last week, an electric wire of a mosque in the town's Gandhi Nagar area got cut and a flag that had a portrait of Tipu Sultan fell down. The incident occurred late in the night and it led to tension in the town the next day. Suspecting it to be an act of mischief, the police summoned Hindu and Muslim leaders to peace in the town.

Following the incident, the local town panchayat staff had removed all saffron and Islamic flags in the town. **P6**

Top police officers visit MK Hubballi town on Sunday | EXPRESS

Uttar Pradesh ATS arrests MEA staff for spying for ISI

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a major breakthrough, the Anti-Terrorist Squad of the Uttar Pradesh police (UP ATS) arrested here an employee of the Indian embassy in Moscow for allegedly spying for Pakistan's ISI. Satendra Siwal, an employee of the Indian Embassy in Moscow, was produced in a local court and sent to 14-day judicial remand. Police sources said, on Monday the ATS would move court to take Siwal's remand. Two mobile phones, an Aadhar Card, a PAN card, an identity card and ₹600 cash were recovered from him.

Siwal was passing on confidential information about defence installations to his ISI handlers across the border for money, UP ATS sources said. He was engaged as the India-based Multi-Tasking Staff at the Indian Embassy in Moscow.

The ATS claimed that it had information from the sources and surveillance that some of the External Affairs ministry employees were being lured by ISI with money to disclose strategic information about Indian defence installations and other details thus posing a serious threat to country's security.

During questioning, he had admitted to having engaged in allegedly spying for the ISI, ATS said in a statement.

EXPRESS READ

NIA creates biometric database of terrorists

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has created a database of biometric and criminal details of terror groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba and Indian Mujahideen. The databse will be stored in a 'head server' at its headquarters here. Sources said the National Terrorism Data Fusion and Analysis Centre (NTDFAC) has been modeled on the lines of the Global Terrorism Database of the USA.

JMM hopeful of winning Jharkhand trust vote today

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

JHARKHAND Mukti Morcha MLAs returned here on Sunday evening ahead of the floor test in the Assembly on Monday after Champai Soren was sworn in as the chief minister last week.

Soon after Champai's swearing in ceremony around 37 MLAs were taken to a resort in Hyderabad to prevent them from poaching. There they were kept under tight security and were not allowed to meet or talk to anyone even on their mobile phones.

From the airport, the MLAs were taken directly to the circuit house and will stay the night there before going to the assembly on Monday morning.

The MLAs were taken to Hyderabad after rumours spread that JMM does not have the required numbers to pass the floor test in assembly.

Jharkhand assembly has 81 seats. JMM-led alliance has support of 47 MLAs, six more than the half way mark making it a cakewalk for it to win the floor test. JMM has 29 seats, Congress has 17 seats while RJD and CPI (ML) have one seat each. One assembly seat is vacant.

NDA, on the other hand, has a total strength of 32 MLAs. BJP has 26 MLAs, AJSU has 3, NCP (AP) has one seat along with two Independent MLAs.

Though the JMM is confident of winning the trust vote, BJP MLA Biranchi Naryan has said that the Champai government will lose the floor test on Monday.

Had they been so confident of their support then why they were taken to Hyderabad under tight security? he asked.

State govt fixes fares for all cab services

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Transport Department has announced uniform fares for cabs operating in the state. As per the notification, all cab services -- be it app-based ride-hailing service providers like Ola and Uber or non-app based taxis -- will have to charge as per the new tariff. Cab aggregators are not allowed to collect surge prices from passengers.

As per the new fare structure announced on Saturday, taxis are categorised into three classes based on the cost of the vehicle. For vehicles that cost under Rs 10 lakh, the minimum fare is Rs 100 for up to 4 km and Rs 24 per additional kilometre. For vehicles above Rs 10 lakh and within Rs 15 lakh, the minimum fare for up to 4 km is Rs 115 and Rs 28 for every additional kilometre. **P5**

LESSON FOR ALL

From verge of closure, govt school has 180 pupils now

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

A school in Dakshina Kannada, which was supposed to fade into history because of lack of students, has made new history. In 2019, the student strength at Kukrabettu Government Primary School in Marodi village of Belthangady taluk had dropped to just 16. Thanks to the efforts of villagers and Prakash Anchan, president of a committee striving to save and develop government schools, the school now has 180 children.

The renovated Kukrabettu Government Primary School in Marodi village, Belthangady

The school with first to seventh standards was set up 65 years years ago. But four years back, many classrooms were empty without any children. At that point, the alumni of the school contacted Anchan, who is also the chairman of Sri Durga Charitable Trust and who had already revived a school in Bantwal taluk. Together, they came up with a comprehensive plan to save the institution.

First, they formed a committee and asked villagers to pull out their wards from private schools and admit them to the state school. About 40 parents responded positively.

Committee president Jayanth Kotian said that because of their consistent efforts, the school started getting students from not just Marodi, but also from surrounding villages like Peradi, Kashipatna, Kokradi, Savya, Kutluru, Naravi, Shirtadi and others.

The Sri Durga Charitable Trust, which adopted the school, started LKG and UKG to attract more students. Permission was also obtained for English medium classes. Priority was given to quality education by appointing additional honorary teachers. Extracurricular activities like yoga, karate, dance, Yakshagana etc. were encouraged and the trust also arranged a school bus to ferry students from far-off places.

Many other facilities were added with the help of donors. With this, the number of children increased to 80 in 2020 and 120 in 2021. The student strength crossed 140 in 2022. At present, 180 children are studying in the school. It has four permanent teachers, three guest teachers and three honorary teachers, including the headmistress.

To provide digital education to these children from rural parts, a Smart Class facility, costing Rs 2.4 lakh, has been provided to the School by IEEE Advancing Technology for Humanity through its CSR initiative. An eight-room building (about 5,000 square feet) at a cost of Rs 1.10 crore has been constructed with grants from MLA Harish Poonja, MP Nalin Kumar Kateel and Rs 2 lakh donation from Shree Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project. The building will be inaugurated on February 17. A well-equipped toilet has been constructed at a cost of Rs 10 lakh under MRPL's CSR funds.

MP Suresh does U-turn: Never said divide country

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@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU Rural Congress MP DK Suresh here on Sunday made a U-turn on his earlier statement on separate nationhood for southern states, which created an uproar and that was also raised during the ongoing Parliament session. "People from BJP are twisting my statement. I never said this country should be divided. They are trying to do politics," he said.

Suresh, younger brother of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, was visibly perturbed when scores of BJP workers laid siege to his house at Sadashivanagar on Sunday, protesting against his statement. The police whisked away some of the workers and resorted to a lathicharge to bring the situation under control. As some of the workers were injured, BJP state president BY Vijayendra attacked the Congress government and held it responsible for the incident.

"BJP Yuva Morcha workers who were peacefully protesting outside the Bangalore residence of MP D K Suresh who raised the cry for a separate nation subjected to unnecessary lathicharge by the police resulting in serious injuries to the workers. It is a Congress government sponsored hooliganism. BJP will not tolerate anyone questioning sovereignty of India and their actions, no matter how strong they are, until they repent," he posted on 'X'.

Later speaking to reporters, Suresh alleged that BJP is twisting his statement to gain political mileage. He told media persons, "I feel the media is the fourth pillar of democracy. But if it takes a side, I am helpless. My statement was clear, but BJP contorted it. I need not reply to them." **CONTINUED ON: P6**

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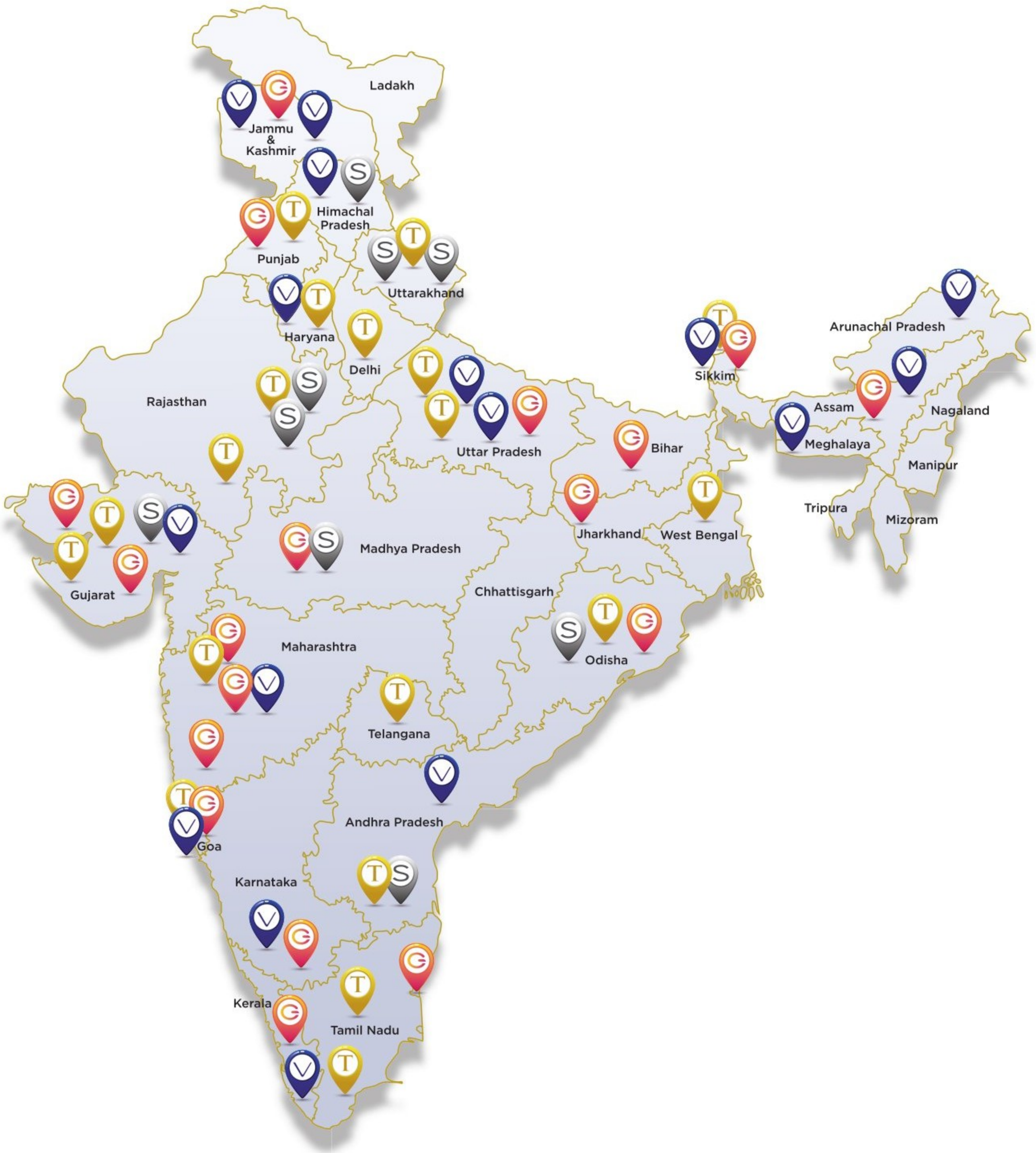

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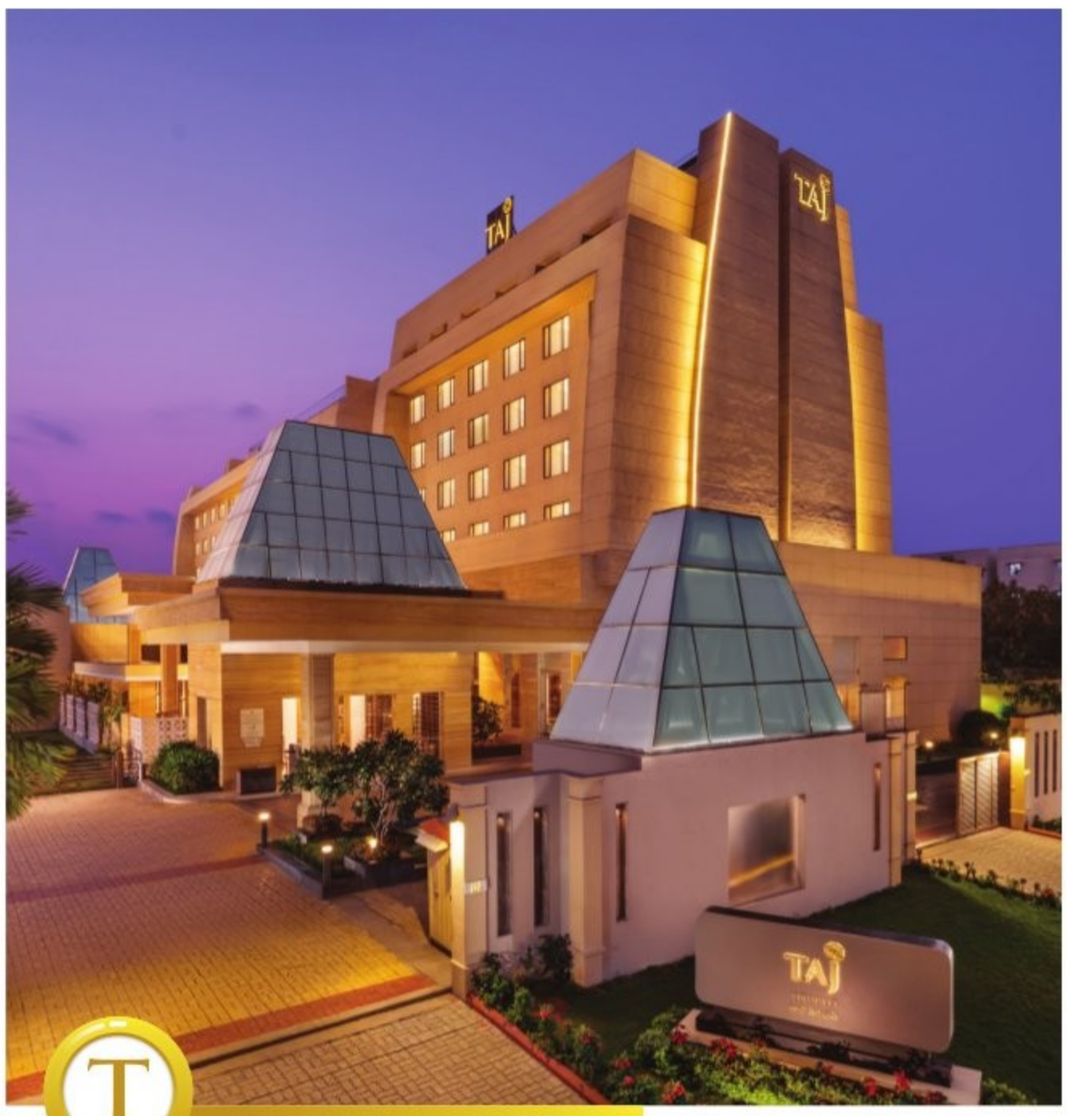

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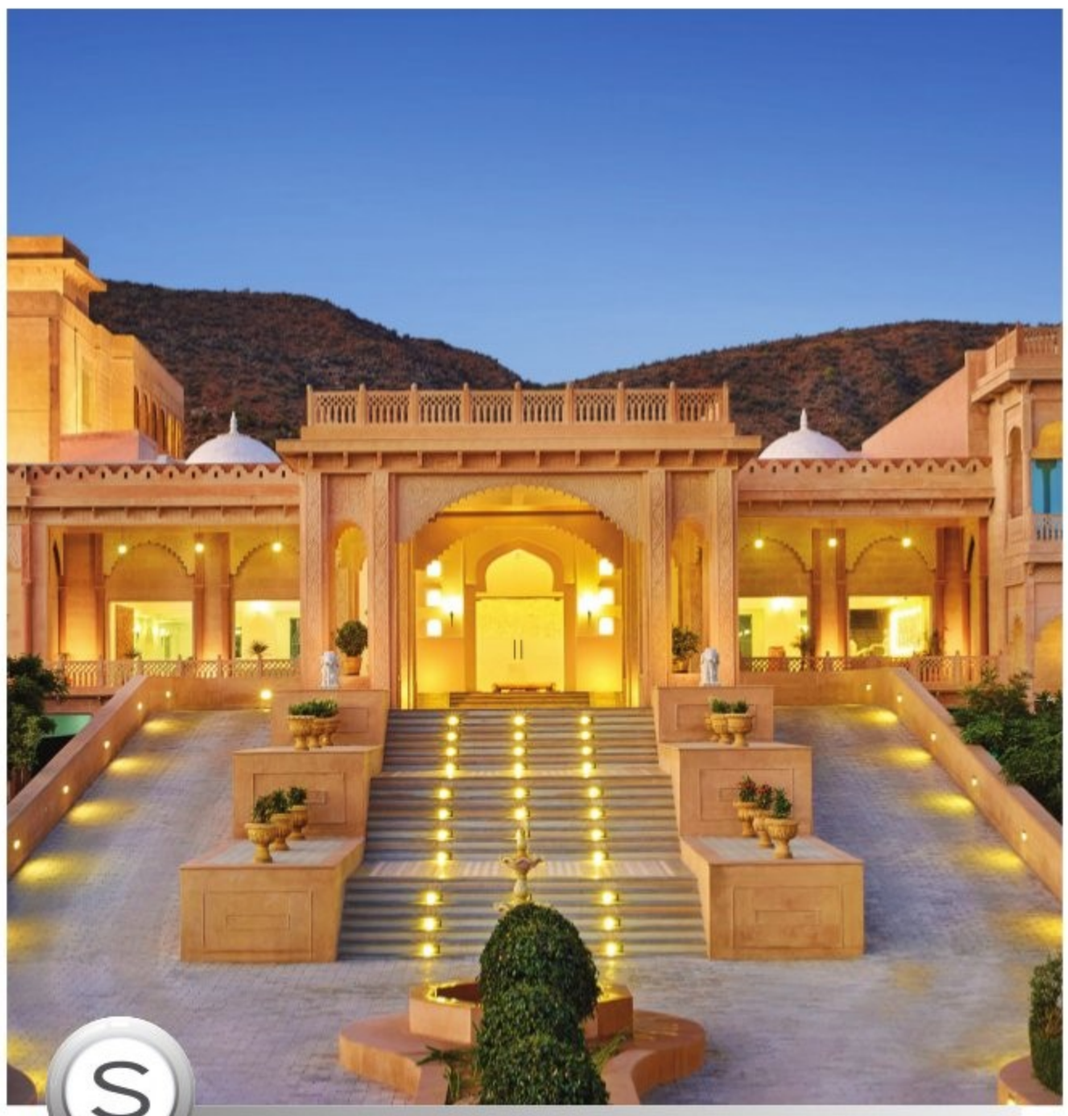

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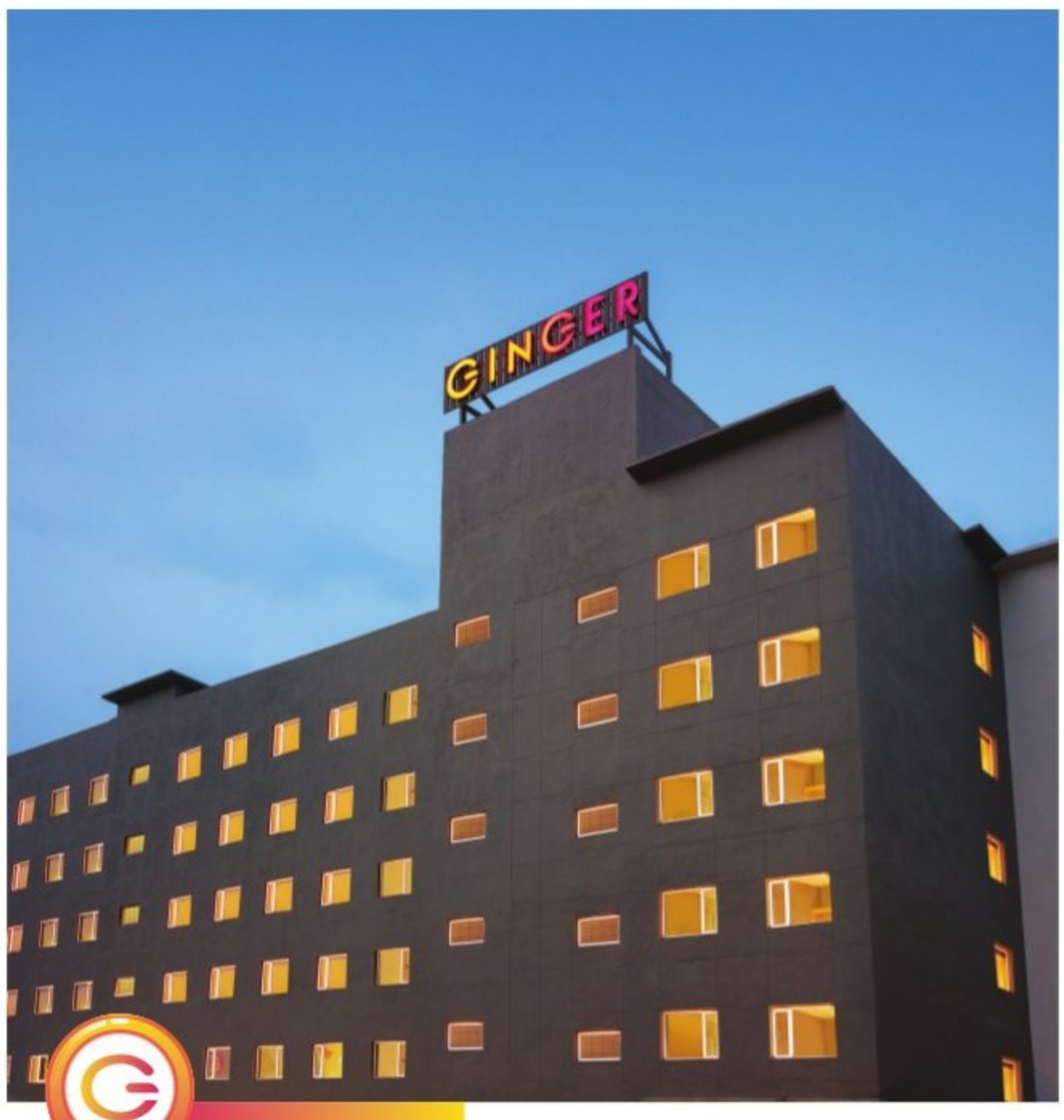

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Residents want work on Varthur, Bellandur lakes to restart soon

Restoration stopped last year; Varthur lake filthy after breach in sewage diversion channel

MOHAMMED YACOOB
@ Bengaluru

RESTORATION work at Varthur and Bellandur lakes has come to a standstill, claimed activists and residents. Varthur Lake, which saw a breach of the sewage diversion channel during rain, now has pollutants in the lake area. Residents want a commitment from the government that the water body will be restored soon.

Jagadish Reddy of Varthur Rising said Varthur tank was drained and 95 per cent of the silt was removed. In Bellandur Lake, 55 per cent of silt was removed, but work took a hit five months ago. In October last year, Varthur Lake suffered a breach and all work was wasted.

"Had the authorities expedited work at Varthur Lake, by now wetland improvement could have begun. Despite the National Green Tribunal setting a time-bound action plan for restoration of the two biggest water bodies of Bengaluru, the Bangalore Development Authority has failed," he said.

"BDA could have taken up work as the monsoon failed. Since the new government had taken over and a new BDA chairman has just been appointed, we hope there will be progress in restoration works," said Reddy.

Residents said the government had proposed a 25 MLD-capacity Sewage Treatment Plant, but work is yet to start. A temporary sewage diversion channel cannot be relied upon as it may suffer a breach again, they added.

BDA Assistant Executive Engineer SS Aravind, tasked with monitoring desilting work at these water bodies, said work at Bellandur resumed just a few weeks ago and by the end of summer, about 80 per cent of desilting will be completed.

On Varthur Lake, he said the contractor is thinking of backing out as the tender was revised, and says it is not feasible. "The wetland mentioned in the earlier tender was small and once revised, the contractor says it may not work out for him. Since he has already done the work, we have asked him to take it up," said Aravind.

Blame BWSSB for polluting water bodies, not us: BBMP

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WHILE the state government has approved a Rs 1,200 crore package for white-topping of roads and improvement of footpaths and stormwater drains in the BBMP limits for the financial year 2024-2025, there are concerns about percolation of water into the ground. Palike top officials feel that unless the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) rectifies pipes that spring leaks, stops the release of waste water and sewage onto roads and BBMP drains, the Palike's efforts will always remain a challenge.

"The roads, white-topped or asphalted, should be free from any seepage and water should not stagnate. Similarly, drains should only have rainwater running and flowing into culverts and lakes. The perception that white-topped roads will not allow water percolation is wrong. We should ensure that rainwater flows into stormwater drains and eventually into lakes," said a senior engineer with the BBMP.

Out of 210-odd lakes within the BBMP limits, as per the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), none of the lakes fall under categories B or C but all are under categories D and E, which means raw sewage enters lakes through BBMP stormwater drains.

"The BBMP is the custodian of stormwater drains and lakes, and they get pulled up for lake pollution, but the actual culprit is BWSSB. Despite spending crores of rupees on underground drainage and Sewage Treatment Plants, raw sewage is diverted to BBMP lakes via stormwater drains. The government should hold BWSSB responsible," said Ram Prasad, Convener, Friends Of Lakes.

TWIRL AND WHIRL

Students of Gulabi Higher Primary School perform during Blooming Kids' Day, a cultural programme in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

11 months on, OC of Mantri Serenity flats not cancelled: Forum

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THE Bangalore Development Authority refused to withdraw Occupancy Certificate to Mantri Serenity Castle Apartment which has 1,140 flats in Doddakallasandra in Kanakapura Main Road despite its engineer recommending it due to multiple violations, stated the Karnataka Home Buyers Forum.

This is the first project in Karnataka undertaken by the Centre's SWAMIH fund. It is India's largest social impact fund which aims to finance and monitor completion of stressed and stalled housing projects.

An RTI query filed on behalf of the forum by its convenor, Dhananjaya Padmanabachar by the end of 2023 sought to know the action taken by the BDA in the aftermath of the notice issued to the builder of Mantri Castles Private Limited on March 8, 2023. The BDA in its response to the RTI on December 26, 2023, said that its assistant executive engineer has recommended the cancellation of the OC for it.

Despite the lapse of 11 months, the OC has not been cancelled. Padmanabhachar, who is also the principal secretary of Mantri Serenity Home Buyers Forum told TNIE, "The apartment functions with lifts which haven't been approved for operations from the Directorate of Electrical Inspectorate, risking lives of thousands of residents here. The BDA Commissioner office is not taking any steps to cancel the OC."

Despite a series of letters from Padmanabhachar to the commissioner as reminders, no action has been taken against the violations, he charged. He added saying that no one has even responded to the repeated mails.

TNIE has a copy of the RTI response and the numerous letters he has written to BDA.

MLC moots flower market near B'luru

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TO give fresh impetus to the floriculture business in the State, MLC Dinesh Gooligowda has written to CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar, urging them to allocate funds in the upcoming state budget to set up an international flower market on over 10 acres of land near Bengaluru.

While there is a huge demand for flowers from the state, there is no well-equipped system for storing and exporting them, Gooligowda said. "Although floriculture in Karnataka is in good condition, it needs a system. Therefore, a flower market on par with international standards has to be built near Bengaluru from where flowers are exported," he said.

Flowers worth over crores of rupees are sold in Bengaluru's KR Market and in footpaths across the city. Many varieties of flowers like are in huge demand in the international market. However, the supply is not enough to match the demand, he said and added that the prime reason for this is the lack of information and awareness.

Manual on civic issues a guide to leaders

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THE Karnataka edition of 'My City My Responsibility — A Handbook for Active Citizenship' prepared by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, was released here on Sunday. Civic leaders, representatives of civil society organisations and leaders of the citizens' collective Karnataka Ward Samiti Balaga from different cities were present.

'My City My Responsibility' serves as a detailed manual for proactive citizenship, guiding individuals through the stages of evolving from passive onlookers to curious individuals, involved members, and ultimately, proactive citizens. Its main objective is to enable citizens to transform into civic leaders who work with government bodies to bring about constructive developments in our local communities and cities. This is accomplished through the efficient operation of ward committees, said a press release.

Santosh Nargund, head, Civic Participation, Janaagraha, said, "Through the handbook, we aim to equip citizens in each of the 7000+ wards in 315 small and large towns and cities of Karnataka, to play an active role in addressing the global challenges of the 21st century such as climate change at the local level."

Srikanth Viswanathan, Chief Executive Officer, Janaagraha, said, "My City My Responsibility, A Handbook for Active Citizenship, is our attempt to provide active citizens in India's cities with an easy-to-use guide on citizen participation. We can transform the quality of life in India's cities only if every community in every neighbourhood is actively participating in planning, budgeting and service delivery in their neighbourhoods through formal platforms like ward committees and area sabhas."

The launch was followed by a panel discussion on the topic 'Building equitable and sustainable cities with citizen participation', in which city councillors, various citizen leaders and experts took part.

EXPRESS READ

'Modi govt wants to enslave safai karamcharis'

Bengaluru: It is not difficult to mechanise cleaning manholes, collect garbage and sweep roads if the government sets its mind to do so. But the Modi government wants to enslave safai karamcharis by keeping them under the contract system and depriving them of their benefits, said Mahendra Parida, general secretary of All India Municipal and Sanitation Workers Federation (AIMSWF). He was speaking at the third National Conference of AIMSWF that concluded on Sunday. A 39-member National Executive Committee was elected at the conference, with Mahendra Parida as general secretary and Uday Bhat as national president of AIMSWF. AICCTU national president Shankar said, "Safai karamcharis must defeat the Modi government, which brought in anti-labour codes that do not allow the regularisation of workers. This shows the casteist attitude of the government which runs based on Manusmriti, and not the Indian Constitution."

Nine students win Science Innovator award

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TO encourage scientific temperament among young minds at an early age, the Raman Research Institute Trust and Innovation and Science Promotion Foundation (ISPF) organises Raman Young Science Innovation (RYSI) Award for children from grades three to ten annually. On Sunday nine students from various schools across the country won the RYSI-2024.

The nine children who won the Raman Young Science Innovation | EXPRESS

The competition was held in three categories--junior (Grades 3 and 5), intermediate (Grades 5-7), and senior (Grades 8-10). The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs 20,000 and a free one-year subscription to ThinkTac's Explore annual programme, to popularise science among the younger generation. More than 3,000 children registered, of whom 100 were shortlisted based on different parameters. Besides, the organisation's 'Raman Clubs' encourages government school children in Karnataka to exhibit their talents. Over 50 students were finalists for the award in the intermediate and senior levels. ISPF developed a pedagogy for 38 schools and assists teachers in improving learning – encouraging experiential learning at low-cost and provision of free materials. 45 teachers who took the extra mile through meaningful and sustainable ways to make science fun for the students were also felicitated.

Vishal Bhatt, co-founder, ISPF said, "Science literacy and scientific literacy are two factors. Currently our educational system follows science literacy. We must be scientifically literate to evaluate any information, which is what we are trying to do."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05TH February: My key sector of the zodiac today is Virgo, a sign particularly important in the Christian religion, including in ancient traditions in Kerala. In former times it was always associated with the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and when artists painted her, they often placed a star on her shoulder. This was bright Spica, the most auspicious of Virgo's stars.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You're in for a hardworking and perhaps confusing week. Yet, because the Moon finishes the week aligned with a mysterious angle of your horoscope, you must make sure that everything is open and above board. This shouldn't be too difficult, given that your mood is generally optimistic, thanks to that happy trio, Mercury, Venus and Mars.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Once again, it's money which preoccupies you, although it's unlikely that you'll be committing yourself to extra spending unless domestic responsibilities are now urgent. Even then you should put luxuries higher than necessities. You will be in the planning stage at work and you must gather as much information as you can.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Some of you are hoping for a hassle-free week. One thing to remember, though, is that this is not an auspicious time for finalising decisions or coming to lasting agreements. You've got all the best ideas. In fact you're brilliant. Yet for some strange reason even your brightest plans seem to come unstuck.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You're still on the warpath. And why not? Why should you always allow other people to walk all over you? However, you should take notice of the old maxim that a good general only fights battles he knows he - or she - can win. And before you can even stake out your ground, you must finalise your financial plans.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
What is going on? Well, astrologically speaking, you're being disturbed by deep anger and half-acknowledged fears. Keep such imaginings in perspective and don't let them interfere with what could be a highly successful period. Don't allow the fact that life is moving in your favour to distract you from your deeper purpose.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Push professional affairs forward for all you are worth. If career matters are not your concern then focus on any area of public service which will boost your reputation and enhance the quality of your life. But what is best about the current period is the ease with which you can abandon a long-term responsibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You have two choices as far as your current strategy is concerned. Either you must focus on the minutiae of domestic and professional struggles, or you may step back from questions of detail and make your principles and beliefs your sole guide. The major factor, though, is the sheer number of secrets people around you are keeping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If anything, financial questions have become more complex in recent weeks. Take comfort from the fact that, in spite of what people may say, there is no need to make a rush decision. In addition, I can say that your long-term interests are being supported. In any case, the Moon is giving you 110 per cent approval.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Moon always tends to make your reactions over-emotional, but you may feel you have good cause to be petulant. However, contrary to what you imagine, other people are not having it all their own way. And just because partners are wrong that doesn't mean that you are always right. The air will clear in a couple of days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There doesn't seem to be any let-up from pressures at work or from the burden imposed by domestic chores, and neither should there be as long as sober Saturn is skulking in discreet reaches of your solar chart. However, you must realise that this is a helpful phase, one in which you are learning to cope with new experiences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are justly proud of your creative and highly individual approach to life, even though other people are often irritated by your unpredictability. Whatever they think, this is the time to pursue your unique ambitions without fear or favour. Financially it now seems certain that your original choice was the correct one.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It's a matter of swings and roundabouts: on the one hand, domestic improvements are proceeding without a hitch and, on the other, you may have to face a temporary disappointment as agreements and decisions are delayed. This is a day to broaden your horizons, looking far afield for the inspiration which is so essential to your well-being.

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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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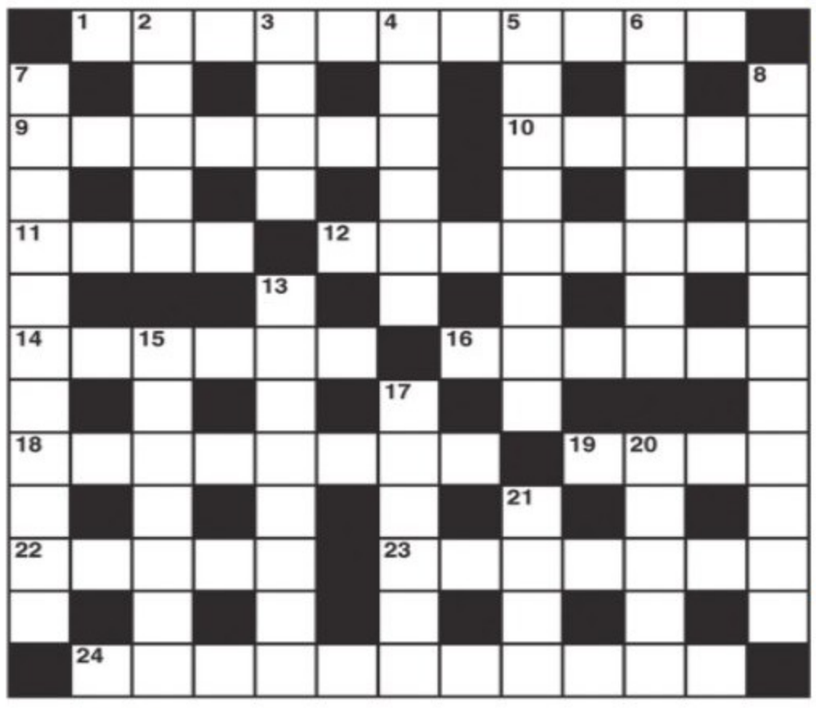
SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 A pretty cold outlook for the old flier (11)
9 Abundant firm and very good (7)
10 Refuse to fight (5)
11 A Roman emperor in a manner of speaking (4)
12 System puts information to the bottom (8)
14 Dry form of humour gets her (6)
16 Continual growth is important to his industry (6)
18 Close of play (8)
19 A good likeness (4)
22 Smarten up a man on his wedding day (5)
23 Refreshment stood in the garden (3,4)
24 Surprisingly no more stars for stargazers (11)

DOWN
2 Light with a tendency to grow less? (5)
3 Make fast turn in space (4)
4 Inwardly gloomy child is malcontented (6)
5 One abandoned by players on opponents' ground (8)
6 My radar is fixed to part of the mast (7)
7 Admit the account needs information (11)
8 Proud people keep them up (11)
13 He likes to improve things for the anagrammatist (8)
15 Disport around the photographer's equipment (7)
17 A man who has only recently arrived? (6)
20 Nothing among the new rich can be got for a song (5)
21 Composed part of a musical masterpiece (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Brainy, 4 Swindles, 9 Ill-fed, 10 Flat race, 12 Done, 13 Tapir, 14 Here, 17 Battering ram, 20 Flank attacks, 23 Teem, 24 Sleep, 25 Toga, 28 Reasoned, 29 Sandal, 30 Portents, 31 Seeded.

Down: 1 Be indebt, 2 At length, 3 Noel, 5 Walking cases, 6 Note, 7 Leaves, 8 Sweden, 11 National debt, 15 Seals, 16 Paste, 18 Accorded, 19 Assailed, 21 Stir up, 22 Repair, 26 Rose, 27 Pace.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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COMING SOON
JUMBLE CITY SUBWAY
M L U J E B
We'll get these tunnels dug quickly- as agreed upon.
With the city getting bigger, I'm glad we're building this.
THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY THAT WOULD BE BUILDING THE NEW SUBWAY LINE WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: EVOKE CIVIC STENCH THIRST
Answer: To a petrologist, the study of granite, limestone, basalt, shale, etc. is — "ROCK-IT" SCIENCE

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In a powerful display of unity, diverse groups, from social media users to people from various backgrounds, gathered for a massive protest rally in Mysuru against proposed infrastructure projects near the Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Organised by Mysuru Memes in collaboration with the Gandhadagudi Foundation, the event witnessed an overwhelming response

Woman rider, son fall off bike after man punches her, snatches gold chain

Homemaker loses gold necklace worth Rs 2 lakh; Both sustain minor injuries; Police hunt for accused

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 26-year-old woman and her four-year-old son fell off a moving two-wheeler after an unidentified robber came from the opposite direction and punched her helmet. He then stopped his bike, rushed towards the woman who had fallen on the pothole-ridden road, snatched her gold chain and fled.

The incident happened a few days ago on Tadisaghatta Road in Thyamagondlu of Nelamangala taluk. Due to the bad condition of the road, the woman was riding slowly, with her son standing in front. Both mother and son sustained minor injuries due to the fall, and underwent treatment at a nearby hospital.

Thyamagondlu police of Bengaluru Rural district registered a case of robbery and are investigating.

Monisha, a resident of Sompura in Nelamangala, was returning with her son, Sevanth Gowda, from her mother's house in Marasandra, near Chikka Madhure, just after 5pm. Monisha, a homemaker, lost her husband recently and has two sons.

Monisha told TNIE that she was unable to come out of the trauma after the incident. "The road is not used by many motorists due to potholes. The accused was riding towards me in a dangerous manner. Just as he came near my two-wheeler, he punched my helmet so that I lost balance and fell from my vehicle. While falling, I was holding my son. For a few seconds, I didn't realise his intention. He stopped the bike and ran towards me. I was under the impression that he was coming to help me. Instead, he snatched my gold chain worth about Rs 2 lakh and sped away. Though I shouted for help, there was nobody on the road," Monisha said.

She managed to reach home with her son and filed a police complaint. In shock, she did not have the presence of mind to look at the registration number of the miscreant's bike.

"We are yet to arrest the accused. There are no CCTVs on the stretch and the robber must have known this. We are checking CCTVs in the vicinity, hoping to get some clues," said an officer who is on the investigation team.

A video grab of people singing at KIA | X HANDLE OF AVIATOR ANIL CHOPRA

Song, dance at B'luru airport divide netizens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 1.50-minute video clip of an impromptu musical performance by students and teachers of the Mysuru-based Raghuleela School of Music at Terminal 2 of Bengaluru Airport, which was posted on X on Sunday, went viral garnering more than one million views. It was posted by retired Air Marshal Anil Chopra of the popular handle Aviator Anil Chopra.

The video showed over 50 women, standing and seated, singing aloud with many flyers recording the rendering. They were heading to Ayodhya for a pilgrimage. The song was 'Dharmo Rakshathi Rakshitha', a sanskrti sloka from the Mahabharata which means one who does not follow dharma is destroyed while one who follows it is protected by dharma itself.

Following the response on social media, the school later posted a video of a student dancing to a religious narrative which also received good response. The videos met with both praise and criticism.

Former MLA CT Ravi posted it on X saying, "Salute our Nari Shakti for proudly displaying Santana Dharma and its glorious culture."

Some posted 'Jai Shri Ram' in the thread below the videos while a few stated that 'Ram Rajya' has arrived.

Objections were spelt out by a few over the sound, particularly since Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is a 'silent' airport, which means passengers will be provided a noise-free and peaceful travel experience.

Rohit Jain posted: "Good so next time this is done by minorities don't cy. They will also make sure to show their culture..."

An X handle under the name Gemini said, "You don't have to create noise in an airport, and that is nothing to be proud of. And there are many things to be proud of other than your religion. Get a lift bhakta."

A few handles even called for the arrest of the performers for creating a public nuisance. Sunil Menon posted: "..if this is allowed at airports then all religions will do the same ... domestic and international travellers will burst our ear drums."

Election official held for abetting suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru:

THE shirastedar of the election branch at the Kanakapura taluk office has been reportedly arrested by the Kanakapura Town police for abetting the suicide of a colleague. The accused shirastedar, Poornima, 50, has been arrested and is remanded in judicial custody while she is also kept under suspension by the department concerned.

Police said the victim, TN Suresh, 54, a TDC worker, was working in the election branch for the last eight years and reportedly died by suicide by hanging himself inside a room at the election branch. The incident came to light around 4.40 pm on Friday.

Suresh's wife R Rekha, 43, a resident of Lawyer Papanna Road, filed a complaint against the Shirastedar, stating that her husband ended his life due to the alleged mental harassment by the Shirastedar. She also mentioned about a notice threatening her husband's termination from the job while Suresh is also said to have left a death note holding the Shirastedar responsible for his death.

HELPLINE

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or iCall, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.

No charge for luggage up to 120 kg

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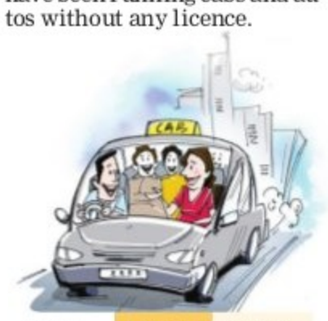
For vehicles costing Rs 15 lakh and above, the fare for up to 4 km is Rs 130 and the subsequent per kilometre cost will be Rs 32. Vehicles operating from midnight till 6 am are allowed to charge 10 per cent extra from the above fixed rates.

Further, the department order states that luggage up to 120 kg will not carry any additional charge and that includes suitcase, bedding and other personal luggage. It will be Rs 7 extra for every additional 30 kg. Waiting charge is free for the first five minutes and it will be Re 1 per minute after that. The notification also says taxi operators can charge GST and toll fee from passengers.

Department sources said that earlier there were separate fares for app-based cabs like Ola and Uber and other city taxis, and the rates used to vary if the vehicles were air-conditioned. "After the tariff revision in 2021 for app-based cabs, the rates are revised now. With the new tariff, the rates are uniform for all," they added.

They further said the operating licences of both Ola and Uber expired in 2021 and they have been running cabs and autos without any licence.



Vehicle cost	Minimum Fare (up to 4 kms)	Fare Per Additional kilometre
₹10 lakh	₹100	₹Rs 24
₹10-15 lakh	₹115	₹28
₹15 lakh and above - ₹130 - ₹32		

WALK FOR CANCER

People from all walks of life take part in 'CANWALK-2024' to create awareness on cancer in Bengaluru on Sunday. The event was organised by the Surgical Society of Bengaluru and the Department of Health and Family Welfare | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

4,300 students to be trained for competitive exams

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

WHILE students in Karnataka struggle to prepare for competitive exams such as JEE Mains and Karnataka- Common Entrance Test, Physics Wallah (PW), an Edtech company has announced its partnership with the Department of Minority Welfare to empower students in the underprivileged bracket.

Through this partnership over 4,300 students from the science stream in grades 11 and 12, who are appearing for several entrances will be coached by specialised teachers.

Online classes will be conducted in 84 schools across the state with the integration of smart classrooms and customised batches. Students will be supported for doubt-solving and in-class assistance.

Additionally, 8 residential offline centres will have Physics Wallah teachers, who will train students from Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Koppal, Raichur and Dharwad.

This partnership by the government, intends to provide a two-year intensive training for students in pre-university residential colleges for minorities, focusing on key entrance examinations like NEET, JEE, and K-CET.

The schedule will include a mix of online and offline training sessions, ensuring accessibility and quality education for all students by Physics Wallah so that comprehensive training is provided in different centres.

Timely action is key in preventing KFD cases: Health commissioner

SHIVAMOGGA: Commissioner of the Health and Family Welfare Department D Randeep said testing for any type of fever in areas with a prevalence of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) is crucial and asked the health officials to take action in this regard. He instructed the officials to provide appropriate treatment to the infected and take measures to prevent the spread of infection. He conducted a meeting of DHOs from Shivamogga, Uttara Kannada and Chikkamagaluru districts regarding KFD at the DHO office here on Saturday. KFD is a viral fever spread by the bite of a tick infected with the virus. "As usual, cases have been reported in three districts this year," he said.

Five held with 42 illegal SIM cards for online frauds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mangaluru

DAKSHINA Kannada district police have arrested five people for purchasing SIM cards under different names and addresses with an intention to use them for online frauds.

The police have seized 42 SIM cards registered under different names and addresses from them.

The arrested have been identified as Rameez (20) from Neriya village in Belthangady, Akbar Ali (24) from Bantwal, Mohammad Mustafa (22), Mohammad Sadiq (27) and another youth from Belthangady.

According to a suo motu case filed by Dharmasthala police, these five accused purchased SIM cards in different names, claiming that they would use it for some online business.

Dharmasthala police took them under custody as they were planning to head to Bengaluru in a KSRTC bus at Dharmasthala bus stand on February 1.

Dharmasthala police said that the accused had purchased SIM cards locally in Belthangady to carry out online frauds.

The police have booked the accused under sections 420(cheating), 120B(criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code. Further investigation is underway.

CRIME PATROL

KV IISc gets hoax bomb threat mail

Bengaluru: The Kendriya Vidyalaya IISc in Mathikere received a bomb threat e-mail on January 28. The mail was sent to the email ID of the principal, who filed a complaint with the Yeshwanthapura police station on January 30. "In your school bomb is their it will blast tomorrow morning 10.20 (sic)," the mail read. The school management immediately alerted the police after it came to its notice. After a through inspection by a bomb disposal squad, sniffer dogs and anti-sabotage teams, the threat was declared a hoax. On December 1 last year, 68 schools, including 48 in the city and the rest in Bengaluru Rural district, received bomb threat emails. The police are yet to solve the cases. **ENS**

Man dies in accident, kin donate organs

Bengaluru: A 66-year-old farmer, who died in a two-wheeler accident in Doddaballapur, has given a new lease of life to others by donating his organs. **Padmanabhaiah A** met with an accident on January 31 and was rushed to Aster CMI Hospital in the city where he succumbed on Sunday. "The donated organs have benefitted individuals facing critical situations," said a press release. The farmer's liver and kidneys were transplanted on a patient from Bangalore zone hospitals. His corneas were donated to Narayana Nethralaya and his skin was sent to Victoria Hospital, where it will be used for reconstructive surgeries. **ENS**

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ADMISSIONS 2024

Applications are invited for: **(1) Research Programmes** [Ph.D/M.Tech (Research)] **(2) Course Programmes** (M.Tech/M.Des/M.Mgt) **(3) Integrated Ph.D Programmes; (4) MSc Programmes** and **(5) External Registration Programmes** [Ph.D/M.Tech (Research)].

For eligibility, areas of research, selection procedure, other details and applying online please visit our website: **www.iisc.ac.in/admissions**.

IMPORTANT DATES: Website opens for online submission of applications: **05.02.2024.**

Last date of online submission of applications (website closes at 23:59 hours): **22.03.2024.**

Sd/-, REGISTRAR

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Phone-0674-2390355, Fax-2396885, Email: - portsniwt.od@nic.in
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
JJ-64 Bid Identification No. DPIWT - 21 /2023-24

1	Name of work	:-	Construction of Approach road from RD road to Passenger Jetty at Nimtala in Bhadrak District
2	No. of works	:-	1 (One) No .
3	No. of Covers	:-	Double cover .
4	Value of works	:-	Rs.1.17Crore
5	Bid Cost	:-	Rs. 10,000.00
6	Period of Completion	:-	04 (Four) Calendar Months
7	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:-	09.02.2024 to 19.02.2024 up to 05.00 P.M.
8	Last date & time for receipt of bids in the portal	:-	19.02.2024 up to 05.00 P.M. .
9	Date of opening of bid document (Cover-I)	:-	20.02.2024 at 11.30 A.M.
10	Date of transparent lottery process (If situation arises)	:-	Intimation will be given through online
11	Class of Contractor	:-	"B" & "A" Class Contractor
12	Name and address of officer inviting Tender (OIT)	:-	Director, Ports & Inland Water Transport, Paribahan Bhawan(2 nd Floor), A.G.Suare, Unit-II, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Pin-751009, Phone-0674-2390355, Fax- 2396885, e-Mail- portsnitt.od@nic.in

Further details can be seen from thee-Procurement market place, **https//tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Addendum / Corrigendum if any will be hosted in the website only.

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संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं. / e- Tender Notice No: CMG/C/CON/238751,238752 तिथि/ Date. 01.02.2024

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, **"एसडीएससी शार के गेट II से नए एमसीसी भवन तक सड़क का चौड़ीकरण" (₹288 लाख); "एसडीएससी शार के प्रशासनिक भवन, पुस्तकालय परिसर एवं एचआरडीडी भवन के मौजूदा चौन लिंक फेंसिंग को पक्की परिसर दीवार से बदलना" (₹120 लाख)** के लिए ई–निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **19.02.2024 & 15.02.2024** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Road Widening from Gate II to new MCC building, SDSC SHAR" (₹288 Lakhs); "Replacement of existing chain link fencing with masonry compound wall for Admin building, Library complex and HRDD building, SDSC SHAR" (₹120 Lakhs)**; Tender documents can be downloaded up to **19.02.2024 & 15.02.2024, 14:30** hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Mr. SHIV KUMAR** S/o Ghanshyam Das Gupta, resident of No.33/701, Common Wealth Games Village, Near Akshardham Temple, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110 092, and **Mrs. SUNITA GUPTA** W/o Mr. Anil Kumar, resident of Mo. Iohiyan Dhampur, Bijnor, Uttar Ptadesh-246 761, have entered into an Agreement of Sale with **Mrs. ASHA UNNIKRISHNAN** W/o Mr. Ramesh Rajan, currently residing at No.Flat-2B, Willow Crest, 6th Main Road, R. A. Puram, Chennai-600 028, to purchase the Schedule Property hereunder. If any person/s have any manner of rights, interests, share/s, claims or objections of whatsoever nature can lodge their claim/s with the undersigned along with substantial document/s within **07 Days** from this notice and if no claim/s are lodged within the specified period, it will be deemed that the above mentioned person is the sole and absolute Owner of the said Property and my clients will proceed to conclude the sale transaction and register the sale deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The Residential Property bearing **No.40,** Khata No.276/279,280 - 50/1B/9, 550/40 situated at **Dodsworth Layout, Whitefield Village, BBMP Ward No.84, Bangalore,** measuring East to West: 80 Feet and North to South: 120 Feet, totally measuring **9600 Square Feet,** bounded on the :

East by: Property bearing Khata No.550/39, West by: Property bearing Khata No.550/41, North by: Private Property and South by: 30 Feet Road;

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PUBLIC NOTICE
LOST OF DOCUMENT

I, **PREMA BALARAM,** aged about 75 years, W/o. late T.R. Balaraman, Bangalore Transformers, 9-H1, Yarandahalli Sub Layout, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Phase-1, Bangalore-560099,I, hereby declare that, myself and my son Deepak Balram are the joint owners of the Bangalore Transformers, 9-HI, Yarandahalli Sub Layout, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Phase-1, Bangalore-560099. I have lost the following documents:-

a. Possession Certificate, issued by KIADB, in the name of A. Krisna Reddy, vide Ref. No: IADB/15481/B Sandra/2547/2007-08, dated 19-11-2007.

b. Allotment Letter, issued by KIADB, in the name of A. Krisna Reddy, vide Ref. No: IADB/15481/5801/06-07, dated 18-08-2006.

c. Unregistered Partnership Deed dated 15-12-2007, between A. Krisna Reddy and Late Balaram. T.R & Deepak Balaram.

I have lost the above said all original property documents on 02-02-2024. and despite hectic efforts could not be traced.

If any person/s found the said documents please come forward with in a period of **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within **07 days** from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE (Description of land)

All that piece of land known as Plot Nos. **9-H-1** in the **Sub-layout of Yarandahalli, Bommasandra Industrial Area I Phase** situated in Sy. Nos. **27/3 Part** of **Yarandahalli village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** containing by ad-measurement **1008.00 Sqmtrs.,** and bounded on : **East by : Road, West by : Private Land, North by : Plot No. 9-G, South by : Plot No. 9-H-2.**

In this regard I have lodged the Police Complaint vide Lost Report **No. 0914336/2024, dated 02-02-2024.** with Police Station, Bengaluru City. If anybody found please **Call : 9845405716.**

The JDS has appointed in-charge leaders for the upcoming bypoll to the Bengaluru Teachers' constituency. Senior advocate AP Ranganath is contesting the bypoll as the BJP-JDS alliance candidate. HM Ramesh Gowda has been appointed overall incharge for Bengaluru city. The party also appointed 36 JDS leaders for each assembly constituency in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts

Exam season is pressure season for students and parents; what we need is an education system that focuses on critical thinking and meaningful careers, and not the marks rat race

BALA CHAUHAN

CUT THE STRESS

BIG PICTURE

A fierce critic of rote learning that passes on as education, thinker and philosopher, late J Krishnamurti believed that the "highest function of education is to bring about an integrated individual who is capable of dealing with life as a whole".

The question of teaching children to face life is a tall task in times of acute commercialisation and ghettoisation of education. Caught in the race for marks and placements in 'reputed' professional colleges and later on, multiple-digit-salaried-blue-collared jobs, is the new generation of educational institutions, teachers and parents, with the student at the end of the alley. Unfortunately, the entire system, actually meant to educate the child, has the least to do with the child. "What we now call 'education' is a matter of accumulating information and knowledge from books, which anyone can do who can read," argued Krishnamurti.

He added: "We send our children to school to learn some techniques by which they can eventually earn a livelihood. We want to make the child first and foremost a specialist, hoping thus to give him a secure economic position. But does the cultivation of a technique enable us to understand ourselves? Throughout the world, engineers are frantically designing machines which do not need men to operate them. In a life run almost entirely by machines, what is to become of human beings?"

Krishnamurti had questioned the form and style of education half a century ago. Much before him, Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore had caricatured colonial education and institutions as prisons and parrot training centres, which "imprison and brutally kill the natural impulses of the parrot through mindless discipline".

He had argued that "children are not unfinished adults but have to be seen in their own right, so that their strengths become visible and can develop – for example their curiosity and wonder, their imagination and creative joy and their ability to see unity that derives from their freedom from habits of thought and behaviour".

About the teachers, Tagore had famously said: "(A) teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame."

Stress is a must, and a positive motivation to move forward. "The real king is one who is able to create his own kingdom," Tagore once said.

Parents' aspirations

In the race for marks, based on rote learning and regurgitation of lessons, a child's curiosity and imagination are the first casualties. From a teacher-centric pedagogy, the need is for a learner-centric pedagogy that would actively engage students in the learning process and promote critical, reflective thinking and independent learning. This will not only enable them to be able learners; it will also equip them with problem-solving, an important life skill.

In times of diverse career alternatives and wide-ranging combinations of subjects, we find children and youth struggling to keep afloat under the pressure of academics and the wild chase to achieve the aspirations of others close to them, especially parents and teachers.

"Often, we come across parents who see their children as delivery agents of their aspirations. Some may talk about their personal academic and career achievements to 'motivate' their children, and those who have not 'achieved' academically or professionally may push their aspirations on their children. The latter begin to feel responsible towards their parents and end up piling up a lot of guilt on themselves if they fail them. Instead of pushing their unrealistic aspirations on their children, parents should understand them well," says Dr John Vijay Sagar, head of department, child and adolescent psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (Nimhans). He adds that children should also have "realistic expectations and not put undue pressure on themselves".

"Support from parents, teachers and peers greatly helps in maintaining emotional and academic equilibrium in students," says life coach Dr Ali Khwaja. "Teachers should inculcate a humane approach towards their students, and encourage them in finding their strength and not just highlight their weaknesses."

"Parents must motivate their children to perform well, while expressing that top marks alone don't lead to a meaningful career. They should discuss various subject combinations and alternative career choices. Instead of being persuasive about IITs and IIMs alone, parents should encourage children to look at other quality educational institutions as good options," says Ali. "The messaging that it's their child's endeavour and not their marks that matters to them, will make a huge difference. Besides, peer groups in which students can share their concerns and gain strength from their peers will go a long way in helping students deal with stress and make correct life choices."

Our marking system also needs an overhaul, says former chairman, University Grants Commission, Sukhadeo Thorat. "Student assessment and evaluation should be done through assignments, presentations, debates etc, throughout the academic year instead of one examination," he adds.

> **Most students who are good in academics, fail to score very high in board exams because of pressure from parents and teachers. Students fail to recall subjects at examination centres due to fear and stress. Those studying under pressure tend to gradually lose interest in studies. Students show better performance if allowed to study independently**
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> Dr N Kiran, psychiatrist in a private hospital, Hassan

> **As examinations are close, students should shift their approach, like a batsman from Test cricket to one-day match mode. They should focus on their strengths and start with revising topics they know best. This helps build confidence and reassures them to prepare better. Proper and organised study approach will reduce stress. Students should also talk to their friends and parents about what they feel, and not hesitate to seek help from counsellors**
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> CK Anuradha, student counsellor, JNN College of Engineering, Shivamogga

Parents, children should work together

Activists and organisations working with students have red-flagged the mounting pressure on students. Vasudev Sharma, executive director, Child Rights Trust, says academic expectations from children have risen in current times.

"While students are under academic pressure, parents are under societal pressure to make students excel in studies. Parents should not push their children to perform, citing their academic failure. Unfortunately, we are in a time where education has become a hard labour job, and not about learning. Though progress and upward mobility are linked to marks, we are failing to pay attention to our children's careers and the right kind of counselling," he adds.

Sharma suggests measures to help reduce exam pressure for children, saying parents need to be counselled on career plans their children can opt for. Parents and children should have a healthy discussion about what targets should be set for academic growth. "Understand the potential together, so that it does not burden children," he says.

Sharma, who has been working closely with children for their rights and welfare, says the focus should shift from marks to comprehension. "Is your child able to pick up a newspaper, novel or comic book and comprehend the story? If yes, then rest assured that they will excel in life. Comprehension is the key and gives way to self- learning," he asserts.

Academicians show the way

Vijay P Rao, principal of Anandathirtha PU College, Pajaka, Udupi, says waiting for an examination is a stressful experience, but one should figure out ways to face exams better. "Think of your brain as a sponge — it soaks up information very well but it also tends to squeeze it out pretty quickly if not reinforced. This means we forget a whopping 80% of what we learn within just two days. It is no wonder we feel like we are swimming upstream during exams," he says, adding, "Hence, regular revision is the way out."

He suggests well-spaced-out repetitive revision every two-three days is essential. Even casually recalling concepts while doing daily tasks helps. It is like flexing a muscle to keep it strong. Use flashcards containing keywords and concepts to facilitate multiple daily revisions. Students should try recalling topics in different places and at odd times to keep the brain on its toes. Mastering the art of revision will not just help in exams; but it will hone our mind for life's challenges, Rao said.

Pressuring children to study hard has become a common phenomenon in society as most parents want their children to become doctors or engineers, says Vishvanath Chowhan, a retired high school headmaster and educationalist. He says 10th graders, especially, are under pressure both at home and in school. Effort of students is 70% and the rest is for educational institutions and teachers to score. So parents shouldn't pressure children to study continuously.

Sharanappa Injiginer, a teacher from a private Kannada medium school in Gadag says, "There are many students who get stressed after January. We have created groups and are teaching students how to solve question papers and write answers. This helps as students spend most of their time in school."

Senior academician Basavaraj Kumnoor says students should treat exams as a festival and not as a ghost, he said.

D Banumaiah's College lecturer R Kumar says to avoid stress during exams, students must practice writing while reading textbooks, to understand the subject better. Once students start writing answers while studying, it gets etched in their memory. This improves their writing speed, which reduces stress during exams.

(Inputs from Puran Choudhary/ Bengaluru; Prakash Samaga/ Udupi; BR Udaya Kumar/ Hassan; Raghu Koppar/ Gadag; Ramakrishna Badseshi/ Kalaburagi; BK Lakshmikantha/ Mysuru; Divya Cutinho/ Mangaluru; Ramachandra V Gunari/ Shivamogga)

Shadow of Centre's rice offer over Karnataka's free scheme

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WITH the Lok Sabha elections just months away, the central government has come out with a scheme to sell Bharat brand of rice directly to consumers at an unbelievable Rs 29 per kg. The staple in the Indian diet will be available at select outlets in the next fortnight.

This could be a game changer ahead of the elections, sources pointed out. It may also affect the Congress state government's scheme to distribute 10 kg free rice for BPL ration card holders per month, even as it has been struggling to source the grain since it came to power eight months ago. It now gives 5 kg free rice through public distribution system (PDS) shops, while depositing the amount equivalent to the rest of 5 kg at Rs 34 per kg directly into the accounts of beneficiaries.

The Centre's new strategy is like applying salt over state government's wounds, some in the government said.

State Food Minister KH Muniyappa, asked whether the state government can buy rice directly from the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India or National Cooperative Consumer Federation of India, said, "They will not sell directly to the state government." The Centre, however, is sourcing rice from FCI and selling through these two agencies.

Over the last few months, Muniyappa has held dozens of meetings with different agencies and rice millers, but failed because the rice procurement under law lies with the Food Corporation of India and also because rice prices have gone up. "The Union government will not lift a finger to help the state government," Muniyappa said.

On the Centre selling rice directly to consumers, he said, "They have procured rice at up to Rs 38 per kg and they cannot keep it in godowns forever. That is why they are releasing it to the market."

He said, "We need 2 lakh tonnes to 2.5 lakh tonnes. We are not able to procure it because of the ban."

Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan said, "It is only an inflation-control mechanism, considering rice prices have gone up 15-20 per cent."

Food expert and FCI former chairman DV Prasad said it is a strategy to counter inflationary trends. "I myself had made this suggestion to directly sell to consumers to counter inflation, many years ago," he added.

Sources said, "Rice will be available at Kendriya Bhandars and other select outlets. At Rs 29 per kilo, 5 kg rice will cost Rs 145, while the state government is giving Rs 170 cash to beneficiaries."

In the country, 81 crore individuals are covered under the public distribution system as they hold below poverty line (BPL) cards. The rest of over 60 crore people are considered middle class or rich, and they too can purchase rice at Rs 29 per kg. But the outlets offering this rice could be few and most of them will be situated in New Delhi and other major cities.

HIT BULLSEYE

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah tries his hand at archery during the valedictory of All India Police Archery Championship, in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

BYV welcomes decision to renovate Ram temples

Vijayapura :BJP State President BY Vijayendra has welcomed the Congress government's decision to renovate 100 Ram temples across the state. Speaking to media persons on Sunday, he remarked that the Congress, which had been questioning the very existence of Lord Ram, has now decided to renovate temples. "The Congress has finally accepted the existence of Lord Ram which is admirable," he said. ENS

Will take action for provocative messages: SP

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THE flag near the old Hanuman Mandir at Sambannavar Oni in the town too was removed. On Sunday, Hindu activists had planned to rehoist the flag near the Hanuman temple and had appealed to the people through social media to take part in the rally. After the rally was stopped, the Hindu activists submitted a memorandum to the local town panchayat chief, asking him to allow them to hoist the flag again.

Dr Guled said, "The villagers have appealed for the restoration of the flag. We respect their sentiments. We will follow the order taken by the local town panchayat and government. Appropriate legal action will be taken against those who spread provocative messages through social media."

DKS: Why BJP leaders aren't seeking help from Centre?

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday slammed BJP leaders for not taking up the drought situation in the state with the Union government.

BJP leaders from Karnataka have not even once spoken to their party leaders and Union ministers in New Delhi about farmers facing distress in Karnataka. "But they are always on their toes making allegations against the state government saying it has not paid any compensation. We have paid Rs 2,000 per farmer as first installment. We have also taken care of the drinking water issue," he told reporters.

On BJP leaders' comments that their government at the Centre has released more drought relief funds than the previous Manmohan Singh government, he said, "Manmohan Singh's government is long gone. The BJP has been in power for the last 10 years. They always talk about double-engine sarkar, but why aren't they (BJP leaders) seeking help for the state from the Centre?"

On Union government grants, Shivakumar said it has announced Rs 5,300 crore for irrigation projects in Karnataka. But they have not released any funds. "We are left with no other choice but to raise our voice for the state. I invite state BJP and JDS leaders to join our protest on February 7," he said.

Cong leaders not keen to fight LS polls, high command in a spot

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

WITH veterans and ministers in the Congress reluctant to contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka, the party high command would be forced to consider either their family members or novices in some of the seats. Former minister Prakash Hukkeri (76) categorically declined to contest from Chikkodi, saying he is not a football to be kicked around by the high command. He had won Chikkodi in 2014 and lost in 2019.

Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa, too, stated that he will not contest from Chamarajanagar. "If it was offered ten years ago, I would have been extremely happy, but now I am not an aspirant. I will fight for the victory of the party candidate along with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and MLAs. My son Sunil Bose's name has been proposed 3-4 times, and party workers and MLAs will have the final say," he clarified.

According to sources, the party high command made him minister on the condition that he should contest the LS polls, and Siddaramaiah was party to it. For Davanagere, minister S S Mallikarjun's name was proposed, but he suggested a family member's name. The high command is now considering a new face, B G Vinay Kumar, a Kuruba.

With Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa not prepared to contest from Kolar, former ZP member M Narayanaswamy has emerged as a strong contender. Ministers Satish Jarkiholi (Belagavi), Nagendra (Ballari) and Eshwar Khandre (Bidar) are also hesitant to contest. Former minister H Anjaneya's name was proposed from Chitradurga, but he is ready to sacrifice it for former MP B N Chandrappa.

Interestingly, former Union minister M Veerappa Moily (84) is eager to contest from Chikkaballapura, even as young Raksha Ramaiah is giving him a tough fight as candidate. From Mysuru-Kodagu, the CM is planning to field his son and former MLA Dr Yathindra, and asked his supporters to collect the opinion of workers and MLAs. In Kalaburagi, since AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge is unlikely to contest, the party may consider his son-in-law, Radhakrishna.

The high command is wary that the experiment with novices and kin of leaders could prove counter-productive, so it may insist that some of the ministers contest.

TENTATIVE NAMES

- **Raichur:** Retired IAS officer G Kumar Naik
- **Hubballi-Dharwad:** Former minister Vinay Kulkarni's wife Shivaleela
- **Tumakuru:** Former minister S R Srinivas' wife Bharati
- **B'luru Central:** Shantinagar MLA and BDA chairman N A Haris
- **B'luru North:** Kusuma Hanumantharayappa
- **Ballari:** MLA E Tukaram's daughter Soupamika
- **Bidar:** Eshwar Khandre's son Sagar

No bar on protest, says Suresh on BJP workers' stir

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ON BJP workers laying siege to his house, Suresh sarcastically said, "No one can be stopped from staging a protest and the government will extend its full cooperation. I will happily welcome it. God bless them."

While replying to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's interim budget on Thursday, Suresh had said, "The tax money from South Indian states is being distributed to North India. If we do not condemn it, there might arise a situation where we will have to demand a separate southern nation."

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, who is the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, had issued a statement that he will not tolerate any talk of dividing the country.

As the issue was not showing any signs of slowing down and with the Lok Sabha elections approaching fast, Suresh seems to have backed out from his statement.

On low allocation of funds to the state, the point that Suresh was trying to make, Congress MLAs, MLCs and the lone MP Suresh, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, are staging a protest in New Delhi on February 7.

Police detain BJP workers during a protest against MP DK Suresh in front of his residence in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

The Sri Lankan Navy arrested 23 Indian fishermen from Tamil Nadu and seized two of their boats for alleged maritime violation, official sources said on Sunday. PMK founder Dr S Ramadoss condemned the arrest of fishermen and urged the Centre to take action on recurrence of such incidents

UNSURE OF BJP STAND, TDP& JSP DECIDE SEAT SHARING

Jana Sena keen on Godavari and Visakhapatnam, TDP also has strong leaders in these dists, leading to tussle

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THE TDP and Jana Sena Party have reportedly concluded the process of seat-sharing.

JSP president Pawan Kalyan called on TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu at the latter's residence on Sunday afternoon.

The parties are said to have achieved a headway in the seat-sharing process as the duo held discussions for nearly three hours. After addressing the cadre during the joining of Machilipatnam MP Vallabhaneni Balashowry in the party on Sunday night, the JSP chief went back to Naidu's residence.

Both the leaders have previously held meetings with their respective parties to zero in on the number of seats they should demand. The TDP and JSP have decided to go ahead with the seat-sharing as the BJP is yet to announce its stand on joining the alliance.

With the duo delaying the announcement on seat sharing, cadre of both the parties have been confused. Additionally, Naidu's unilateral declaration that the TDP would contest from Araku and Mandapet Assembly segments did not sit well with the JSP leaders. Subsequently, in a tit-for-tat move, Pawan Kalyan announced that the JSP would contest from Rajanagaram and Razole Assembly seats.

Ahead of announcing the seats that each of the party will contest from, Naidu and Pawan reportedly decided to pacify aspirants who would not be getting a ticket.

The Jana Sena has been demanding more seats in the erstwhile Godavari and Visakhapatnam districts, stating that it has a considerable base in these regions.

The TDP, too, has a good number of MLAs as well as strong leaders in these districts. As a result, a keen tussle is on between the allies to grab the majority of the seats.

According to sources, the JSP demanded nearly 40 Assembly seats with majority of them in the Godavari districts, including at least one Assembly seat in each of the 25 Parliamentary constituencies. It also sought at least five to six Parliamentary seats, they added.

Following the discussions on Sunday, the JSP has reportedly agreed for a total of 30 Assembly and Lok Sabha seats. The two parties are likely to make an official announcement on the seat-sharing in the next couple of days, sources said.

BREWING A CONTROVERSY

'Ram temple, masjid promote secularism'

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THE statement made by Sadik Ali Shihab Thangal, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) state president, that the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, constructed in compliance with a court order, and the upcoming Babri Masjid, set to be constructed soon, also guided by a court order, serve as exemplary illustrations of fortifying secularism in the country sparked controversy on Sunday.

Thangal also urged people to comprehend this aspect. While speaking at an IUML meeting, Thangal said there is no need to protest against Ram Temple.

"The Ram Temple, revered by a majority of people in India, stands as a reality. The desire for its existence is widespread among the people. However, there is no need for protests against it. In this diverse country, numerous beliefs, traditions, and rituals coexist, each having the right to progress in accordance with their own convictions," Thangal said.

Following that, he said that the Ram Temple constructed in Ayodhya and the Babri Masjid, which is yet to be constructed, promote secularism.

"The temple, constructed in compliance with a court order, and the upcoming construction of the Babri Masjid, also guided by a court order, both represent integral facets of India. These two serve as the best examples of fortifying secularism in the country. It is imperative that we comprehend this aspect," Thangal said.

> The temple and masjid serve as the best examples of fortifying secularism in the country
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> - Sadik Ali Shihab Thangal, IUML prez

Commenting on Thangal's stand, Indian Union League (INL) leader NK Abdul Azeez said, "The 'Ram Rajya' envisaged by Gandhiji is not the 'Ram Rajya' envisaged by the RSS. The political party leaders are well aware of this fact. Still, why are they trying to fool people? The stand of Sadik Ali Thangal will not be supported by the IUML members," NK Abdul Azeez said.

KSPCB issues show-cause notices to ULBs

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THE District Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has issued show-cause notices to local bodies of the district over releasing pollutants to water streams. The board has sought a reply from Kushalnagar, Somwarpet and Virajpet town panchayats on the steps taken to treat sewage even as a review meeting in this regard will be hosted shortly.

A resident of Ponnampet, Chagulanda C Suraj of district Janatha Darshan and president of Kodava Kootaliyada Koota organisation had recently alleged that increased pollutants are being released to River Cauvery and River Lakshmana Theertha in the district without proper sewage treatment.

He had also highlighted the encroachment of buffer zones across the river streams in the district and demanded for the preservation of the water bodies. A complaint in this regard was also filed to the Pollution Control Board in the district.

Following this, the district Pollution Control Board has issued show-cause notices to the town panchayats of Virajpet, Kushalnagar and Somwarpet. The board has demanded a reply from the local bodies in 15 days. The reason for not renewing the licence for 'Consent for Operation' (CFO) to discharge sewage/sullage water to the streams has been demanded by the board.

"The licence for CFO has lapsed and the same is not renewed. Further, the local bodies had sought permission to establish Sewage Treatment Plans which stand incomplete. The board has issued notice demanding a reply from the local bodies on the measures they are taking to manage sewage. Further, the board has urged for the fast-paced completion of underground drainage and sewage lines," confirmed Dr Manju, an official at the District Pollution Control Board.

GRACEFUL PERFORMANCE

A classical dance performance at the 'Sound and Light Show', organised at Hampi Utsav 2024, in Hampi on Sunday | EXPRESS

'Got no nod from CJ to restore case against Tamil Nadu ministers'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Registrar General (RG) of the Madras High Court, in his report submitted at the Supreme Court, stated that prior approval of the chief justice of the HC was not taken for exercising suo motu powers to restore corruption cases against a few former and sitting Tamil Nadu ministers. The RG, M Jothiraman, recently filed the report duly complying with the SC's January 29 order made while hearing an appeal filed by sitting Tamil Nadu Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management KKSSR Ramachandran.

However, the file noting 'seen' was made by the CJ after Single Judge of the Madras HC Justice N Anand Venkatesh exercised his suo motu jurisdiction, revealed the RG's 11-page copy accessed by TNIE. The RG said when Justice Venkatesh knew about the discharge of certain ministers in the corruption case, he said he had no hesitation in exercising his revisional powers of suo motu under Article 227 of the Constitution and other Section of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

"It is the duty of the HC to interfere and prevent miscarriage of justice. As an effective instrument for administration of criminal justice, the HC keeps a constant vigil and wherever it finds that justice has suffered, it takes upon itself as its bounden duty to suo motu act," the RG stated by quoting a verdict in Nadir Khan v/s State case.

The RG said that the verdict passed on July 20, 2023 by the Principal Sessions Judge at Srivilliputtur in Virudhunagar (Designated Special Court for MPs and MLAs) was illegal and hence, in exercise of the power conferred under the CrPC, this court is initiating suo motu power of revision against the judgement of the trial court.

The apex court's division bench headed by Justice Hrishikesh Roy and comprising Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra had asked the RG to file a detailed response on the issue by Feb 5.

Forest dept going slow on clearing encroachments

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AS against the announcement of forest, environment and ecology minister Eshwar Khandre to clear encroachments from forest lands at the earliest, the ground reality is different.

The forest staffers on ground are going slow with evicting large encroachers and are buying time stating that surveys needs to be done. A senior forest department official, from the ground, not wanting to be named said: "The minister had announced that large encroachments above three acres will be targeted first and evicted. But on ground we are not doing that. We have been told to go slow by the politicians as this will be one of the issues for the elections. So while we are working on small encroachers, incase of large encroachers, we are resurveying the properties and the records so that there are no errors."

According to forest department officials large parcels of forest land have been encroached upon in places like Kolar, Hassan, Chikkamagalur, Kodagu, Bengaluru and its outskirts.

The official added that the concern is not so much incase of Bengaluru as most of the cases of encroachment are under litigation.

"Work on clearing of properties and encroachments is ongoing. We are doing the surveys and services notices. The cases which are being addressed now are ongoing matters. Also the directions issued by the minister to clear encroachments, does not include Bengaluru in its ambit" the official said.

The minister had said that around two lakh hectares of forest land has been encroached upon and most of it is Kodagu and Uttara Kannada districts. He had said that forest officials have been directed to recover land from large encroachers, who have encroached land measuring three acres and above. He had also mentioned that land clearance will be done on priority basis as and when details are obtained.

EXPRESS READ

3 killed as car hits electric pole

Mandya: In a tragic incident, three youths died and one seriously injured after a car hit an electric pole and plunged into a roadside ditch at KR Pet taluk on Saturday night. Aniketh (20), Pavan Shetty (19) and Chiranjeevi (20) were killed in the accident. The youth who was driving the car lost control of the steering of the speeding vehicle while maneuvering a road curve near a bridge. Sagar, who was injured badly in the accident, was shifted to a private hospital in Mysuru where his condition is said to be in critical state. A case has been registered.

5 held with illegal SIM cards for online frauds

Mangaluru: Dakshina Kannada district police have arrested five people for purchasing SIM cards under different names and addresses with an intention to use them for online frauds. The police have seized 42 SIM cards registered under different names and addresses from them. The arrested have been identified as Rameez (20) from Neriya village in Belthangady, Akbar Ali (24) from Bantwal, Mohammad Mustafa (22), Mohammad Sadiq (27) and another youth from Belthangady. These five accused purchased SIM cards in different names, claiming that they would use it for some online business.

Inquiries pour in for revised Gruha Jyothi

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WITH the state government's recent announcement that the Gruha Jyothi scheme will be revised, the number of inquiries for inclusion has increased. However, the number of applications has not increased.

According to officials of the Energy Department, "As per the revision, around 25 lakh consumers will benefit in the limits of Bescom alone. An evaluation for other Escoms is on."

In all, 1,65,48,007 people have registered for the scheme till January 15. Of them, 68,41,494 are in Bescom limits. "While many are keen on applying for the scheme, we are raising awareness on saving energy. The scheme is beneficial as people are reducing energy consumption to avail its benefits. This will, in turn, help in energy conservation in the long run," an official said.

At its recent meeting, the state cabinet decided that households that have an average consumption of below 90 units will get 10 more units upfront. Earlier, these households were getting an additional 10% over their average consumption. The cabinet noted that there are around 1.95 crore people in the state who use around 53 units of electricity. It also noted that there are around 69.73 lakh people in Bescom limits who use around 43 units and it will cost an additional Rs 33 crore to the exchequer.

"In the coming days, the scheme will be revised as per requirement. The focus is to reduce the burden on the grid and meet energy demand. There is no dearth of funds. The subsidy and zero bills that are being given to consumers are being reimbursed by the government on a regular basis," the official said.

No space for elephants in camps, dept helpless

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THERE is a rise in demand for Karnataka's elephants in states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. But the Karnataka forest department is not in a condition to give the elephant away, despite the incresae in man-animal conflict in the past few months.

"There is a demand for Karnataka's bull elephants to be used as kumkis (elephants used to capture other wild elephants) in other states as well. There is also a demand for elephants from other zoos of India. But after the incident of Arjuna, we have slowed down the relocation operation. We have also put a halt on the capture operation, as we don't have enough space in the rescue centres. We have told the state government of the current situation and are awaiting its decision. We also need strong bull elephants, more so after the death of Arjuna, to capture other wild elephants in conflict," said a senior forest department official, not wanting to be named.

"We are not giving any of the captured or zoo elephants away, even though there is a demand," the official said.

Forest, environment and ecology minister Eshwar Khandre, had recently held a meeting with department officials, to address various issues including man-animal conflict and afforestation.

At the meeting while it was pressed upon the officials to address the man-animal conflict, capture or relocate the elephants, the officials told the minister that they are in no position to capture elephants. According to department records, there are 100 elephants housed in various camps, of which 30 - 35 can be used as kumki elephants. The remaining continue to be housed in the camps. The state government is keen on resolving the issue of man-elephant conflict and has set up task force teams to address the issue. During November-December, the forest department had listed a plan to capture wild elephants, from Hassan and Kodagu.

3 dead, 1 injured as cane trolley topples

ENS @Belagavi

THREE woman farm labourers died on the spot as a tractor trolley loaded with sugarcane tumbled down over them while they were going on foot for their farm work near Shedbal village of Kagwad taluk.

The deceased labourers are identified as Champa Lakkappa Talakatti (45), Bharati Vaddale(30), and Malu Raosab Ainapur (55), all residents of Shedbal village of Kagwad taluk. Shekawwa Narasappa Sarasai (38), who was severely injured in the incident is being treated in the hospital.

According to the villagers, a total of six women farm labourers including the deceased were walking to the fields from their village on Sunday morning.

A case has been registered and investigations were on.

Mysuru district registers rise in inter-caste marriages

B K LAKSHMIKANTHA @ Mysuru

EVEN though caste discrimination still persists in the society, the rise in inter-caste marriages has been a light at the end of the tunnel in eradication of the social evil. The cultural capital Mysuru stands second in the state in inter-caste marriages after Bengaluru. The inter-caste marriages, which was earlier considered as a taboo, is now being acceptable in the society. The recent data from the Social Welfare Department over couples applying for incentives shows that people are becoming more open to such marriages. In 2023-24, Mysuru district had documented 242 inter-caste marriages standing second to Bengaluru Urban with 720 unions. Even though there had been slight fluctuations in the number in 2022-23 with 253 unions in Mysuru, the number had been consistent. In 2021-22, the number was 226 unions while in 2020-21, it was 217 unions. As per the statistics from the department, a total of 90 couples have received Rs 2.48 crore incentives by December 2023. Social Welfare Department assistant director Siddalingu told TNIE that there has been a growing acceptance of inter-caste marriages in the society.

"The department has received 143 fresh applications from couples who had inter-caste marriage this year for incentives in Mysuru taluk. The incentives will be allocated based on seniority. The amount will be credited directly to the joint bank account of the couples," he said. While Rs 3 lakh incentive will be given to women belonging to Scheduled Caste who had married to a man from another caste, Rs 2.5 lakh will be given to SC man married to girl from other castes. However, the district witnessed less cases of intra-caste marriages, widow re-marriage and simple marriages. While 13 applications have been received for intra-caste marriages, just one application has been received for widow re-marriage and 19 applications for simple marriage. According to statistics, nine couples have received Rs 18 lakh for intra-caste marriage, six couples have received Rs 18 lakh for re-marriage while 32 couples have received Rs 16 lakh incentive for having simple marriage till the end of December 2023. Manava Mantapa is a platform for inter-caste marriages without any vedic rituals or chanting of Sanskrit hymns as per the concept advocated by Kannada poet Kuvempu. Manava Mantapafounder Ugranarashime Gowda said, "The Supreme Court in its order in June 2006 had directed all state governments to promote inter-caste marriages, initiate stringent action against those who obstruct such marriages and provide protection to couples by the police. Manava Mantapa has conducted the highest inter-caste and inter-religion marriages in the country with nearly 900 marriages in 27 years," he said.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPT STATISTICS-2023-24

- For inter-caste marriages, 3,972 couples have applied in the state for incentives, of which the highest of 720 are from Bengaluru Urban, 242 from Mysuru and 217 from S'mogga dist.
- For intra-caste marriages , a total of 414 couples have applied for incentives, of which the highest of 42 are from Kalaburagi, 41 from Belagavi and 13 from Mysuru.
- For widow remarriages, 57 couples have applied, of which the highest of 14 are from Yadgir, 11 from Kalaburagi and one from Mysuru.
- For simple marriages, total-751 applications, 188 from Bidar, 116 from Raichur but just 19 applications from Mysuru.

EDITORIAL

"The legal system can force open doors, and sometimes even knock down walls, but it cannot build bridges" — Thurgood Marshall

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— Ramnath Goenka

BHARAT RATNA WELL DESERVED FOR BJP ICON ADVANI

WHEN the news of socialist leader Karpoori Thakur being conferred the Bharat Ratna broke, many in the BJP wondered how long would it take for party stalwart Lal Krishna Advani to be among the recipients of the highest civilian award of the nation. At 96, Advani is among the oldest surviving leaders in the party's pantheon and decidedly its tallest. He was one of the co-founders of the BJP who pivoted the party that was at its lowest ebb at just two MPs in 1984, to capturing power at the Centre. That was one of the multiple pivots Advani was instrumental in right through his long career. The wait for the announcement ended last Saturday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi put out a social media post revealing the conferring of the award on his mentor. It came less than a fortnight after the consecration of Ram Lalla's idol in Ayodhya at the Ram Janmabhoomi. When VHP's temple agitation was flagging in 1990, it was Advani who infused new life into it by launching a Somnath to Ayodhya rath yatra, pivoting it into a mass movement. The yatra made him the face of the temple struggle and possibly marked the emergence of Advani, the hardliner. By the end of the yatra, he had transformed into a charismatic and articulate mass leader.

Despite being at the helm of the BJP, he named Atal Bihari Vajpayee as the party's prime ministerial candidate in late 1995, realising the latter had superior skills at cobbling together an alliance when elections kept throwing up fractured mandates. That was another pivotal moment as he shed ambition for pragmatism. Among his notable interventions was the spiking of a half-baked Indo-Pak peace accord during Gen Pervez Musharraf's summit talks with Vajpayee in Agra. It was also his solid support to Modi within the party following the 2002 Gujarat riots—when the rest of the leadership was ranged against him—that saved the latter's chief ministerial chair. While the PM's chair remained elusive, his parliamentary interventions were insightful. However, the last pivot he sought to make to shed his hardline image when the party had seemingly plateaud in 2005, boomeranged as he described Pakistan's founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah as secular. It created a leadership vacuum that was later filled by Modi. The rest is history. The Bharat Ratna is a fitting award for a life lived well in the service of the nation.

INDIA NOT READY FOR HIGH TAX-GDP LEVELS

BUDGET 2024 estimates show that the ratio of taxes collected by the Centre to GDP will likely touch 11.6 percent in the current financial year and breach the 12 percent-mark in the next. India's overall tax (including state taxes) to GDP is around 18 percent, and it has traditionally been around these levels for quite some time. It is a long-held belief that Indians pay less tax to the government than they should. However, the government claims India's current tax-to-GDP ratio is much better than many countries with similar per capita income. According to Union revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra, India should now aim for a higher tax-to-GDP ratio of 30 percent, to be on par with developed countries. Such a high ratio is possible only when India achieves per capita income levels of the developed world. Also, the European level of tax-to-GDP ratio punishes the economy through high taxes and India should be careful while setting such benchmarks. Even the world's largest economy—the US—has a tax-to-GDP ratio of 25 percent. In China, it is around 21 perent.

Higher tax-to-GDP is a function of multiple factors, the foremost being per capita income. Higher per capita income means a general higher level of prosperity and hence more people can pay taxes. However, higher tax rates, multiple levels of taxes, and lower threshold for taxing incomes can also result in higher tax/GDP ratio. In countries like India, where per capita income is $2,500 or lower, taxes on individual income make for a smaller fraction of tax collected. A larger quantum of tax is collected through consumption taxes like Goods and Services Tax. In India, direct taxes – corporate and personal income tax – account for only 35-37 percent of total taxes collected by the Centre and States. Consumption taxes—which do not differentiate between the rich and poor—account for 65 percent.

Higher tax rates can punish both businesses as well individuals. India already has a tax-to-GDP ratio of 18 percent, which is higher than the 15 percent or more stipulated by the World Bank to ensure economic growth and poverty alleviation. For a country with a high young population, India needs businesses to flourish for generating employment, and high consumption for businesses to flourish. Punishing tax rates or taxes at multiple levels could derail both. Therefore, any attempt to increase the tax-GDP ratio should be by expanding the taxpayers' base instead of having a tax system that is extortionist in nature. Also, higher taxes must come with better government services.

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MORE INFO TO OUR FARMERS

THE meteorological department has decided to close down 199 agromet units that provide detailed weather advisories to farmers at the block level. Apart from measuring local sowing and soil data, the 400-odd scientists employed at these units provide valuable information to farmers. Technology, especially satellite imaging, has made a part of their job less crucial. But sending information up the met chain was not the most consequential part of these scientists' jobs. To lakhs of farmers facing the vagaries of changing climate patterns, they were the interpreters of complex data. We hope the government will find another robust mechanism to disseminate such information.

Feeling threatened by external and internal actors, Iran and Pakistan could escalate tensions between them. India might want to keep its powder dry for now

REGIONAL WAR CLOUD SHOULDN'T DRIFT EASTWARDS

MANISH TEWARI
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SOURAV ROY

THE recent missile attacks and air strikes by Iran and Pakistan on each other's territory have cast a long shadow over the already convoluted relationship between the two countries.

Iran, the vortex of the Shia crescent, backs several Shia non-state actors like the Hezbollah in Lebanon, Houthis in Yemen, the erstwhile Mahdi's Army in Iraq, and also Sunni outfits like the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Hamas in the Gaza Strip, to name a few. Pakistan is a rogue nuclear-armed state with a history of illicit nuclear proliferation to authoritarian states around the world.

Iran, a civilisational entity, stretching across the millennia, and Pakistan, which till the partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947 was a part of British India, have an intertwined historical lineage including, and not limited to, the shared legacy of Persian and Macedonian empires to the modern challenges of sectarian divides and proxy wars that they perpetrate for ideological and even mercantile reasons.

The two countries have woven a tapestry of both cooperation and contention. Beneath the veneer of cultural exchanges and religious affinity lies deeply embedded mistrust and geopolitical pressures, constantly testing the fragile bonds that bind these neighbours. The recent skirmishes show the growing animosity between them that could have a significant impact on the stability of the Iran-Pakistan-Afghanistan subregion in West Asia.

The relations between Iran and Pakistan weren't so strained historically. In fact, imperial Iran was one of the first countries to recognise the independence of Pakistan, and the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, was the first head of state to make an official state visit to Pakistan. Both Iran and Pakistan were allied with the American bloc, and the US, desperate to contain the Soviets, supported their deepening relationship. In the 1950s, Pakistan and Iran signed a treaty of friendship, and Iran actively supported Pakistan in the India-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971. In fact, during the 1971 war, Pakistani warplanes were parked at Tehran airport as a tactical backup had West Pakistan also crumbled like the East.

However, the relationship underwent a radical change after the 1979 Iranian Revolution. The newly-formed theocratic state of Iran, led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, ousted all the American and European companies operating in the country and nationalised its oil reserves. This forced Pakistan, which was allied with the US, to stymie its growing relations with Iran.

After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Iran supported Shia militants against the Soviets while the West and Pakistan backed Sunni militants. Once the Soviets withdrew, the West-backed Taliban took control of Afghanistan, and on August 8, 1998, stormed the Iranian consulate in Kabul, killing one Iranian journalist, and eight diplomats in what came to be known as the Mazar-e-Sharif massacre. This complicated Iran's relationship with Pakistan, which actively funded the Taliban for its own geopolitical machinations. The relations became further complicated due to the ongoing tussle between the two countries in another theatre—Baluchistan.

The Baluchistan region is carved up between Pakistan and Iran. It is blessed with natural resources like gold, copper, natural gas and chromites. These resources have been extensively exploited by both countries. However, despite having over $1 trillion worth of natural resources, the Baluchistan province of Pakistan has a poverty rate of 65 percent, the highest in Pakistan. Similarly, in the Sistan and Baluchistan provinces of Iran, the poverty rate is around 80 percent, whereas the national average is around 28 percent.

This lack of attention has fueled separatist sentiments in the region. To divert attention from its Baluchistan province and to please its patrons—Saudi and the West, which have antagonistic relations with Iran—Pakistan has been sponsoring Sunni-Baloch jihadist groups such as the Jaish ul-Adl in Iran's Baluchistan region. In response, Iran has supported the Baluchistan Liberation Front (BLF) and the Baluchistan Liberation Army (BLA) which are operating on the Pakistani side.

This geopolitical tussle has worsened following Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and Israel's subsequent pulverisation of Gaza and the massacre of its civilian population as retribution. This conflict has spread throughout the West Asia. In response to the attacks by Iran's proxies, Hezbollah and the Houthis, Israel has conducted air strikes in Lebanon, and the US has attacked Houthi bases. Taking advantage of the ongoing conflict, numerous extremist organisations such as the Islamic State and Jaish al-Adl, based in Pakistan, have conducted terrorist attacks in Iran.

Feeling cornered, Iran retaliated with its own air strikes in Syria and Iraq, claiming to target the Islamic State and Israeli bases. It has also conducted airstrikes in Pakistan's Baluchistan province, targeting the Jaish al-Adl group. Pakistan has responded with its own retaliatory airstrikes against the BLA and BLF in the Sistan-Baluchistan province of Iran.

The cross-border airstrikes between Iran and Pakistan may lead to the opening of a new front in the ongoing West Asia proxy war. Iran's economy has been crippled by the US sanctions and there is a growing unrest among the Iranian people against the Mullah regime.

Similarly, Pakistan too is facing economic woes and there is a huge discontent among the Pakistani people against the military establishment. Also, Pakistan is surrounded by countries with which it has antagonistic relations. Feeling threatened by external and internal actors, there is a very high probability that the two countries may choose to further escalate the conflict. Surprisingly, China, which treats Pakistan as a client state and signed a 25-year strategic partnership with Iran in March 2021, has been eloquent in its silence.

India which has had to contend with a two-front dilemma viz Pakistan and China can now take cold comfort in Pakistan's three-front challenge—a hostile Iran, an increasingly belligerent Taliban in Afghanistan, and of course, India. However, given the rather quick de-escalation with Iran, India would be better served by keeping its powder dry and options nimble.

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THE FALL AND RISE OF A CELESTIAL DANCER

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FAITHLINE

THIS week, let us go back to the year 1525 in Tamil Nadu, when a family of musicians looked forward to the birth of their child. They were instrumental musicians who played at temples, and their community was known as Isai Vellalar, literally 'those who grow music'. They lived in the town of Sirkali in the Kaveri delta and revered Lord Shiva as Koothan, the cosmic dancer, at his ninth-century temple in Chidambaram.

Chidambaram was across the river Kollidam from Sirkali and the only place in India that depicted Shiva as Nataraja, the Lord of Dance. If the newborn was a boy, the family planned to name him after Shiva as 'Thandavan', the 'one who dances the *thandavam*'—the cosmic dance believed to keep the universe going. It was a philosophical concept expressed through bronze statues of Nataraja. Each detail of such statues had an iconic meaning and layers of theology to it. These were well-known to all through oral tradition so that a statue was like a book to both the educated and those who could not read.

But the child, when he arrived, was a terrible disappointment to his family. He was weak, sickly and unappealing. It was a handsome family, proud of its musical talent and its place of honour at the temple and in society. They were ashamed and angry that their son, their heir, who should have made everyone envy them, was a liability, not an asset. So Thandavan's position in his family, which should have been sky-high, fell to the bottom.

All this open disapproval further took its toll on the boy. He developed a severe skin infection. Pustules oozed all over his body. His family began to absolutely loathe him and the little boy became even more sickly and silent.

His only friend was Shivabhagyam, the lady of the house next door. Shivabhagyam always had a kind smile for Thandavan. She invited him home to watch when she did her daily puja to Shiva and sang him songs about the Great God. Thandavan's family hated that she was good to him. They took it as a personal affront. How could they stop it? They came up with the diabolical idea of throwing him out of the house. If he no longer lived with them, he could not visit the woman next door. Nor would the *kaval* or town police let anyone loiter on a residential street.

Driven out of home by his own family like little blind Surdas in North India, the boy's precarious world wholly tumbled down about his ears. He stumbled to the Shiva temple at Sirkali. Where else could he go? He sat down at the very end of the ranks of beggars outside the temple. Unwilling to hold out his hand, he subsisted on such scraps of the temple's prasad as fell to him and grew sicker by the day.

One hot afternoon, he crawled for

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> Thandavan's first song in Chidambaram began with the words, '*Bhuloka Kailayagiri Chidambaram*', meaning Chidambaram is Mount Kailash on earth. Five gold pieces of great antiquity appeared at the deity's feet after it was sung, creating an uproar. It was taken as a miracle attributed to Thandavan's song

shade into the temple's storeroom where the palanquins were kept. Weak with hunger, he fainted away in a corner. After the evening worship, the priests put out the oil lamps and locked up for the night, not knowing about the refugee.

Waking up in the dark, Thandavan called out faintly and lay back exhausted. Soon after, a little girl appeared, carrying food and water on a tray. She called out to him in a bright, affectionate way. Thandavan saw that it was the chief priest's daughter. She fed him and advised him to go to Chidambaram every day and compose a new song to Shiva with the first words that he heard spoken in the temple. Greatly comforted, Thandavan went to sleep.

The next day, when the storeroom was unlocked, Thandavan stepped out, apologising humbly for having fallen asleep in there. But the priests looked at him in awe. Gone were the wounds. Not only was he healed but his skin glowed with such lustre that they called him 'Muthu Thandavar' with an honorific 'r' at the end of his name. 'Muthu' meant 'pearl'.

But it soon came to light that the priest's daughter had stayed at home the previous evening. Nobody knew who the little girl with the tray was. Thandavan felt it must have been Parvati herself, the 'Lokanayaki' in Sirkali, taking pity on him. The priests invited him to make his home in the temple's rest house.

Thandavan thanked them and went to Chidambaram, anxious about his composing ability. His first song there began with the words, '*Bhuloka Kailayagiri Chidambaram*' meaning Chidambaram is Mount Kailash on earth, the exclamation of an ecstatic devotee. Five gold pieces of great antiquity appeared at the deity's feet after this song was sung, creating an uproar. It was taken as a miracle attributed to Thandavan's song. Koothan Shiva had let everyone know that Thandavan was both gifted and loved, healing his heart just as Parvati had healed his body.

Many songs followed. One morning, to Thandavan's confusion, not a word was spoken in the temple. All he could hear was his heartbeat pounding in his ears. He cried aloud, "*Peysaadey nenjamey!*" (Don't speak, my heart) and so composed the day's song with his own words. His creative dependence on others was over.

Free in his mind, happy in his poetry, Thandavan had no anger or grief left about those who had been so shatteringly unkind to him. The townsfolk were greatly drawn to him, sure of a kindly word. At least sixty of his songs are known to have survived and some of them are very famous. They are sung and danced to on concert stages even today.

The legend goes that one day, in the year 1600, a great light was shone in Shiva's sanctum at Chidambaram and Muthu Thandavar disappeared into it. Aptly, it was the anniversary of the day that Shiva is said to have danced the *thandavam* at Chidambaram.

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Revamp needed

Ref: *Innovating for the spiritual economy* (Feb 4). Spiritual places across the country should be renovated to make them friendlier to devotees and the temple authorities should take it as the top priority. Once renovated, expect more people to throng these pilgrim sites during festivals and on special occasions, leading to a spur in the economic activities around. These would in turn contribute to the overall economic growth of the nation.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Real wealth

Ref: *Innovating for the spiritual economy* (Feb 4). All historically important temples must be renovated and provided with essential facilities for people of different age groups and those with special needs. Anyone who is interested in learning about our culture must be allowed to visit these pilgrim sites. Our real wealth, which is cultural wealth, attracts people globally, and hence, deserves special attention.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Conduct survey

A survey must be conducted to identify pilgrim places that need renovation. Recently, to enhance the experience of pilgrims, the Jagannath temple at Puri underwent a major revamp worth Rs 4,200 crore. All places of religious importance need good connectivity and affordable options for a short-term stay.
Sachidananda Satpathy, Sambalpur

Advani honour

Bharat Ratna to L K Advani will silence his critics. It was Advani's rath yatra that laid the foundation for the BJP resurgence in the 1990s and paved the path its rise from a party with two seats to the largest party it is today. Indeed, he is truly one of the best statesmen the modern India has seen.
M Pradyu, Kannur

Congress mistakes

Ref: *These are not local polls, common goal is to fight BJP, Cong tells Mamata* (Feb 4). Congress is yet to grasp alliance dynamics. Their bonhomie during non-election periods stands in contrast to the feverish competition seen during the seat sharing talks. Alliances will work only when there is a give-and-take approach. No strong regional party will accommodate them beyond a point.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Celeb quotient

Ref: *Nominated Rajya Sabha celebs lose relevance* (Feb 4). It is disappointing to note that the nominated personalities rarely attend Rajya Sabha sessions. It is high time to dispense with the nomination of eminent personalities to the upper chamber.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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While govt claims to have "reduced aid to Maldives by 22%", the fact is it has allocated an aid amount in the budget which is 50% higher for Maldives.

Australian Air Chief Marshal to visit India, to meet chiefs of all forces

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN the series of frequent high-level India and Australia interactions pushing ahead bilateral defence and security relationship in recent years, Air Marshal **Robert Chipman**, Australian Air Chief is scheduled to be in India later this month.

Sources confirmed that Air Marshal Chipman is expected to reach India on February 21 and meet all the Indian service chiefs, higher officials of the defence ministry and participate in "closed door" meetings to discuss important bilateral issues. "Air Marshal will represent all Australian defence forces." the source emphasised.

Chipman is also to participate in the Raisina Dialogue, conference on geopolitics and geo-economics in New Delhi before he leaves on February 24.

The Australian armed forces include Royal Australian Air Force, Royal Australian Navy and Australian Army. Both the countries have shared concerns on Indian Ocean and Indo Pacific.

The bilateral relationship has been bolstered with successive high-level interactions between political, military and foreign ministry leaders resulting in policy agreements.

Australia's successive policy documents in recent years have highlighted that relationship with India is a foreign policy priority for the country.

In the series of steps taken towards strong ties, India and Australia upgraded their bilateral relationship from a 'strategic partnership' in 2009 to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' in 2020.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held the second India-Australia 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue on November 20, 2023 in New Delhi with their Australian counterparts, Deputy PM and Minister for Defence, Richard Marles, and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senator Penny Wong.

The first India-Australia Annual Summit was held in New Delhi on March 10, 2023 between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

PM to speak in House today, BJP issues whip to its MPs

Motion of Thanks to President's address to the joint sitting of Houses

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Sunday has issued a three-line whip to all its Lok Sabha MPs to remain present in the House on Monday, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to deliver a speech on the Motion of Thanks on President Droupadi Murmu's address to the joint sitting of the two Houses on January 31.

The Prime Minister is expected to present his government's achievements in the last 10 years in the last session of the present Lok Sabha and highlight the government's policies formulated for making 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

BJP sources said it has also been decided to communicate to all MPs to note down what the Prime Minister would say on Monday and use the salient points of his speech across their constituencies during the upcoming elections.

"Each line of the Prime Minister during his speech in Parliament is expected to be catchlines for the BJP's poll plan as well as the government's Unique Selling Points on developmental fronts," remarked a BJP leader.

The BJP has 303 MPs in the Lok Sabha. This time, for 18th Lok Sabha elections, it has set a target of crossing 400 with the slogan of 'Ab ki baar 400 paar'.

Sources said that Modi, whose orations are often laced with sarcastic barbs against the Opposition, is expected to be elaborate on the government's various achievements, which may include the construction of Ram temple, the new criminal justice laws, the laws enacted for ensuring reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and assembly elections, triple talaq, the economic growth, and lifting 25 crore people above the poverty line, among others.

"What our government has achieved in the last 10 years ought to be known to everyone. The PM is likely to present a sincere development card before the august House," remarked a senior BJP functionary, adding the PM's speech will also display the saffron party's poll agenda.

The President on January 31, while addressing the joint sittings of both Houses, dwelt on the government's performances, policies and commitments towards making the country a developed nation.

The President also spoke about the long wait of millions of people for the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya. She hailed the government's role in enacting the Nari-Shakti Adhiniyam and the country's economic growth.

Sources in BJP hinted that the Opposition, which was on the first of Budget session advised to set an example in the creative use of session by the PM, is likely to get replies on various issues by PM Modi, who leaves no issue unaddressed.

What PM may highlight

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POWER GAMES

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HPV Vaccine Rollout

HEALTH, FIN MIN SPEAK IN DIFFERENT VOICES

Model and social media star Poonam Pandey's death hoax has drawn attention to the issue of cervical cancer. The news of Pandey's death due to cervical cancer appeared in newspapers on the same day as Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget announcement stating that "Our Government will encourage vaccination for girls in the age group of 9 to 14 years for the prevention of cervical cancer." Sitharaman's announcement surprised many as opinion within the government has been divided on this vaccine. The Union health ministry in a statement dated January 13 this year said that no decision has been taken regarding the launch of the HPV vaccine in the country. It said that reports regarding the government beginning the vaccine rollout in the second quarter of 2024 are not true. Sitharaman's announcement in the interim Budget was, therefore, unexpected. According to sources, the government had recently planned a formal launch of the HPV vaccine where the Serum Institute of India (SII) chief Adar Poonawalla was to present the first indigenously made vaccine to the President of India. But the programme was cancelled at the last minute due to the controversy surrounding the vaccine. While government agencies such as the National Technical Advisory Group for Immunisation and the Niti Ayog are strongly in favour of launching the HPV vaccine, sources said the move is being opposed by a section of the Union health ministry and a powerful Sangh Parivar organisation. According to sources, the finance minister's statement notwithstanding, the Union government is yet to take a final view on the HPV vaccine.

INDIA Seat-Sharing

SP, CONG TO RESUME TALKS AFTER PUBLIC SPAT

The Samajwadi Party and Congress leadership have decided to return to the table after a public spat which threatened to end the possibility of a seat-sharing pact between the two parties. The Congress negotiators had shared with the Samajwadi Party a list of two dozen Lok Sabha seats which the party had either won in the past or stood second in a previous election. The Samajwadi Party rejected the Congress claim over most of these seats and instead offered the grand old party eleven seats which are considered tough for the two opposition parties. Most of these seats do not figure in the list given by the Congress. The SP did not stop there. It went ahead and unilaterally announced its candidates for sixteen seats. This angered the Congress and it appeared that talks between the two parties had broken down and Uttar Pradesh was headed for the four-cornered contest with BJP, SP, BSP and Congress as the main players. Sources, however, said that the Congress and SP leadership have decided to ignore the initial acrimony and get back to discussions. While Congress has been waiting to engage with the SP leadership, sources said SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has been pressured by the party's Muslim leaders to restart talks with the Congress. The SP is likely to concede between 15-20 seats of Congress's choice in the state.

Shah: Territorial borders no hindrance for solving crimes

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

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President Droupadi Murmu, Home Minister Amit Shah, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and SC Judge Justice Surya Kant during the conference on Sunday | EXPRESS

ASSERTING that crimes and criminals do not respect geographical boundaries and so enforcement agencies should not consider borders as hindrance while dealing with them, Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that with the enactment of the three new criminal codes, India would have the world's most modern criminal justice systems.

Addressing the valedictory session of the two-day Commonwealth Legal Education Association - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference in Delhi, Shah referred to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act. He asserted that with their complete implementation, "India will have the world's most modern criminal justice systems".

"I want to assure everyone that after implementation of these three laws, there will be justice within three years, up to the level of the high court, in any FIR registered in the country," Shah noted.

Delving upon crimes and criminal activities taking place beyond and across borders, Shah insisted that all the law enforcement agencies should not consider territorial boundaries as a hindrance and instead, mark them as a meeting point to solve crime cases.

Shah said the conference was taking place at a time when there is no sense of geographical borders when it comes to trade and commerce, and also crimes.

He said, there are cross-border challenges for justice delivery, trade, commerce and communication, and for trade and crime, there is no border.

"The crimes and criminals do not respect geographical borders. Therefore, the law enforcement agencies should not consider geographical borders as a hindrance. In future, geographical borders should be the meeting point for solving crimes," Shah noted.

The Home Minister said that from small cyber fraud to global organised crime, from local dispute to cross-border dispute, from local crime to terrorism, all have some kind of links.

Pressured to join BJP but I won't, says Kejriwal; BJP dismisses allegation

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

DELHI Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday alleged that pressure was being exerted on him to join the BJP, but he will never do that. "Won't join the BJP, not going to bend," Kejriwal said.

The BJP dismissed his claim as an attempt to "distract and trick" the people of Delhi.

Addressing an event in northwest Delhi, the AAP chief claimed that the BJP wanted them to join the party but he was firm on not doing so. "They can hatch any conspiracy against us but nothing is going to happen. I am standing firm against them and I am not going to bow," the Delhi CM said.

"They say 'come and join BJP and we will leave you alone.' Why should we join the BJP?" Kejriwal asked.

Kejriwal's latest attack came a day after he received a notice from the Delhi Police Crime Branch over his recent claim that the BJP had offered ₹25 crore each to seven AAP MLAs in a bid to topple the Kejriwal-led government. "They (BJP) can conspire against us all, but they will fail. I am standing against them, will never give up. They tell me I should join, but I told them I will never join them. Why should I?" he said.

"If you go to the BJP, all your crimes are forgiven. What wrong have we done? We are building schools, hospitals, roads, and repairing sewers. Is this a crime?" said the AAP national convener.

Later in a post on X, Kejriwal asserted that all cases against AAP leaders were false. "If not today, tomorrow, all the cases will end," he said in the post in Hindi. He said that even if he was sent to jail, the development works will not stop in Delhi, and "as long as we are alive, we will continue to serve the country and society."

Rare historical documents set for restoration

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE National Archives of India (NAI), the repository of non-current government records, is set for a fresh round of restoration and conservation of about 4.5 crore pages, which include rare historical records such as photographs, hand-written documents, maps and treaties. Some of the documents are fragile and have developed stains and worm marks. They have also become translucent due to aging.

The records that are to be taken up for restoration and conservation are at NAI's head office in Delhi, Lahore Shed in Jaisalmer House, its Bhopal regional office and record centres in Jaipur, Bhubaneswar and Puducherry.

The officials privy to the process said that all the documents would be handled with great care as some of them have illustrations and charts created with ancient ink and vegetable dyes. Hence, the conservation carries a great amount of risk as they might get oxidised or reduced with effect of chemical or treatment.

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The NAI was originally started as the Imperial Record Department in 1891 in Kolkata; the then capital of British India. Besides several court orders and treaties signed by Mughal emperors and the British Empire, it holds a vast collection of historical records including private papers of eminent persons who have contributed immensely in various fields of public life in the country. The list includes Mahatma Gandhi, first President of India Rajendra Prasad, and other leaders such as Dadabhai Naoroji, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Sardar Patel.

The collection comprises 123 letters of Bhimrao Ambedkar written in English, Marathi and Hindi, which throws light on his literary activities and his efforts to secure political and social rights for the depressed classes. There are documents related to Champaran Satyagraha, which was launched in Champaran in 1917 to redress the grievances of the indigo cultivators.

"Documents at Lahore Shed are related to migration during the partition. There were more than 500 states during the British period, so treaties were signed for merger. Those records are also with the NAI," said officials.

Digitisation of records at the NAI is undertaken in a phased manner. The digitised records are uploaded on online search portal Abhilekh Patal. The online information is available to scholars, historians, academicians and other users. National Archives is one of the largest centres of archives in the world that holds records of 800 million pages, 5.7 million files and 1.2 lakh maps.

10 sets of Vande Bharat sleeper trains to be rolled out by March this year

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Indian Railways is planning to roll out an ultra-modern sleeper version of Vande Bharat trains by March this year. The production of coaches for the sleeper version is in full swing, according to railway officials.

Currently, the Railways is running the chair car versions of Vande Bharat trains on 39 routes across the country. The Vande Bharat sleeper version would initially cover overnight journeys on some select routes, such as Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Patna.

After the rollout in March and associated mandatory trials, the initial sets of sleeper version are expected to start running by the first or second week of April. A few months later, the serial production of these trains will start, most likely from August or September this year.

According to a senior railway official, the sleeper version comes with enhanced features, safety and comfort. "The quality, durability and affordability are to be of international standards, enough to be exported in the next few years," said the official, adding that all sets of the sleeper version will be equipped with Kavach system and will have a maximum speed of 200 kmph.

Bharat Earth Movers Limited and the Integral Coach Factory are manufacturing the trains with several new features such as special lightings that create a soothing ambience.

Railway sources hinted that each train of the sleeper version will have a composition of 16 AC1 tier coaches that accommodate 850 berths.

ENSURING A BETTER RIDE

Railways is replacing conventional coaches with Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches in a mission mode

Since 2015, about **23,000** conventional coaches have been replaced by LHB coaches

₹53,086.09 crore has been allocated in the Interim Budget to upgrade the rolling stocks this year

₹4,533.76 crore has been allocated for gauge conversion projects to boost speed and passenger safety

The LHB coaches provide better ride quality and enhanced safety with sturdy and robust disc break system, and bio-toilets

FALSE CASE

Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren on Sunday accused the BJP of framing his predecessor Hemant Soren in false cases to continue the loot of minerals from the state.

3 KILLED AS TRUCK HITS TWO BIKES IN MAHA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	22	12	Mumbai	35	24
Bhopal	25	10	Panaji	24	18
Jaipur	25	15	Patna	23	11
Amritsar	16	10	Lucknow	20	12
Chennai	31	28	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	26	14	Imphal	23	07
Srinagar	02	-04	Chandigarh	42	23

Rahul hears out coal mine workers

In Jharkhand leg of yatra, says party always protected water, forests, land of the tribals

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

CONGRESS MP Rahul Gandhi met unorganised coal mine workers in Dhanbad and heard their grievances on Sunday, the third day of his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Jharkhand.

Speaking to the workers, Rahul said that in this journey of justice, he has to take everyone along and ensure all economic and social progress till they get the right to justice.

While Rahul was passing through the National Highway in Dhanbad, he came across the heavy earthmovers and mining equipment in the Godhar mining area and enquired about them.

He was told that it was a coal mine and unorganised workers of the coal mine lived there, and hence, the place is known as 'Kali Basti.' The Congress leader immediately got off his red jeep and went directly towards the 'Kali Basti' and heard the problems of the people living there while sitting on a cot along with children.

Later, while addressing a gathering, Gandhi said that Congress has always protected the jal, jungle Zameen (water, forests and land) of the tribals and will continue to do so. Congress party stands by them and will work round the clock for their education, health and employment and ensure justice for them, he asserted.

Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Bokaro on Sunday | PTI

In his four-minute address, Rahul Gandhi said that economic imbalance, demonetisation, and GST has ruined the future of youth in this country. He also accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP of spreading violence and hatred in the country, and he has come out to sell love in the market of hatred through the 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.'

Gandhi said that he had added 'Nyay' in this Yatra from Manipur to Maharashtra to ensure justice for the tribals and save public sector units from being sold out to the handful of capitalists. "We have added 'Nyay' in the second phase to 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'. It is to create awareness about the economic imbalance, demonetisation, and GST has ruined the future of youth in the country," said Rahul Gandhi, further alleging that public sectors are being given to select industrialists in the country.

"The public sector units, through which the tribals used to get jobs, are being privatised. These PSUs are the property of the people of this country, but the BJP government is handing over all these units to the select capitalists," said Rahul Gandhi.

According to the former Congress president, the jal, jungle and zameen of tribals were being protected by his party and will keep doing so.

"I assure you that I am standing with you and will work towards ensuring education, health and employment to you round the clock and ensure that you get it," said Gandhi.

Earlier on Saturday, Gandhi had accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of using central investigative agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in an attempt to topple the Jharkhand government.

Justice for tribals

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PK says Bihar BJP chief a 'product of dynastic politics'

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

POLITICAL strategist-turned political activist Prashant Kishor on Sunday made a veiled attack on Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar after BJP appointed Samrat Choudhary as deputy chief minister in Nitish cabinet. Choudhary is the son of a veteran politician Shakuni Choudhary.

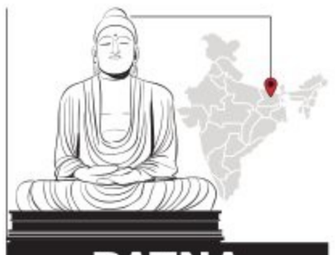
Nitish had launched a blistering attack on 'parivarvad' (dynasty politics) and made a veiled attack on RJD chief Lalu Prasad and Congress while addressing birth centenary celebrations of former chief minister and socialist icon Karpoori Thakur on January 24.

He had indirectly attacked Lalu four days before he severed ties with RJD and formed a new government with BJP. Kishor, who is carrying on his 'Jan Suraaj Yatra' in the state, said, "Dynasty politics was the biggest issue during the Total Revolution launched by Jay Prakash Narayan in 1975 but now no party is aloof from the dynastic politics. This malaise is not limited only to RJD and Congress."

The poll strategist said that state BJP president's father was an MLA and a minister when Congress was in power in the state and held these positions by alternatively joining hands with CM Nitish and RJD chief Lalu Prasad.

Kishor said that now BJP had given the post of deputy chief minister to Samrat, proving how it was also persuing the dynasty politics despite its opposition to it. He said that those who had become MPs and MLAs in the state during the last 30 years belonged to around 1,250 families having political background only.

He said that dynasty politics was eating into the vitals of democracy, not only in Bihar but also in other parts of the country.



PATNA DIARY

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Double whammy for RJD neta

It's a double whammy for Lalu Prasad's RJD. Firstly, they lost power after chief minister and JD(U) president Nitish Kumar severed his ties with grand alliance and formed a new government with BJP. Secondly, they are in for a fresh trouble as newly inducted deputy chief minister Samrat Choudhary announced that files pertaining to 17-month grand alliance rule would be opened soon to conduct thorough investigation. Choudhary, also state chief of saffron party, said mafias and contractors with shady characters plundered the state's exchequer. Each Illegal sand mafia and liquor mafia will be investigated.

Four key commission dissolved by CM

With change of guards, chief minister Nitish Kumar dissolved four key commissions constituted during previous Grand Alliance government. The decision assumed significance in the wake of floor test of newly formed NDA government with the support of BJP. The floor test is scheduled for February 12. The commissions dissolved include Extremely Backward Class Commission, Mahadalit Commission, SC Commission and ST Commission. The tenure of the chairpersons and members has come to end. The appointments are to be made after floor test and expansion of cabinet.

Teachers up in arms against education dept

Around four lakh teachers appointed in schools on contractual basis in state are up in arms against state education department's additional chief secretary K K Pathak's recent directive to conduct eligibility test, a pre-requisite criterion to accord them the status of 'Vishishtha' (special category) teachers. They held an emergency meeting in Patna to chalk out future course of action. They have threatened to hold protests outside the assembly during Budget session of the state legislature. In addition, they will also disrupt proceedings of both Houses on January 13. They termed decision 'whimsical' as eligibility tests have been done too many times.

IN A FIRST

Uttarakhand cabinet okays draft of UCC

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand cabinet has approved the draft of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). The cabinet meeting convened at the Chief Minister's residence on Sunday decided to take forward the legislative process for the draft and introduce it in the upcoming assembly session scheduled on February 6.

Uttarakhand is poised to make history as the first state in India to enact the Uniform Civil Code, with only the final step of passing the proposed legislation in the upcoming assembly session remaining.

The government is set to formalize the implementation of the UCC during a dedicated session of the assembly slated for February 5 and 6. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami told to reporters, "This initiative aligns with the commitment made during his election manifesto to bring uniform civil code in the state".

It is noteworthy to highlight that marriage registration will be compulsory, with measures implemented to prohibit polygamy or multiple marriages, ensuring equal rights for both spouses during divorce and girls will be entitled to an equal inheritance share as boys.

Oldest missionary school in Kashmir faces closure, refuses to register students

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Kashmir's oldest missionary St Joseph school is staring at closure as the school administration is struggling to get its land lease, which has expired, renewed and authorities have reportedly refused to register its students for board examinations due to absence of land lease documents.

The St Joseph's Higher Secondary School in north Kashmir's Baramulla district was established in 1905 on the government land leased to the school management by the authorities.

The lease of the land, according to the school management, expired in 2018 and they had approached the concerned government department for renewal of the land lease well before its expiry.

"The file including the recommendation of Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla is pending for approval in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir since April 2022," the school management said.

The Lt Governor administration in Jammu and Kashmir in 2022 amended the rules under the Education Act, 2002 to provide for fresh guidelines relating to the use of land and building structures by private schools in the UT. It had ordered that all those private schools which are established on the state land should close the schooling of the enrolled children soon.

With authorities not renewing the land lease, the Board of School Education has reportedly refused to register its students for board examinations due to absence of land lease documents. The authorities are tagging students of such schools, whose land lease has not been renewed, to the neighbouring government Schools for Board Examinations of Session 2023-24. "The closure of Registration Return Forms (RRFs) by the Board of School Education (BOSE) leaves thousands of students in limbo as they are unable to register for upcoming exams," the spokesman said.

Lease expired in 2018

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No Central grant for Gujarat in over 10 govt schemes in FY21, LS told

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Centre has not granted a single rupee to Gujarat in over 10 different government schemes, including those meant to increase the merit of Scheduled Caste students, the 'Credit Guarantee Scheme', the 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushalyata Sampann Hitgrahi', among others.

Government records indicate that insufficient funds have been allotted to Gujarat under various schemes for the social, economic, and educational advancement of the SC/STs and OBC communities.

On July 25, 2023, in response to a question put up by Gujarat BJP MP Vinod Chawda to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in Lok Sabha, the government listed several schemes and said they have not received a single rupee in grant funding for the fiscal year 2020-21.

These schemes are: Credit guarantee scheme and the Upgrade of Merit of SC Student Program for improving the merit of scheduled caste students," Pradhan Mantri Dakshta and Kushalta Samapan Scheme (for SC and OBCs), Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse, Research Studies and Publication Program, Integrated Program for Senior Citizens, National Survey on Drugs and Substance Abuse, Integrated Program for Rehabilitation of Beggars and Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojna.

All these schemes were launched by the Central government and are necessary for the social, economic, and educational uplift of individuals from SC/ST and OBC categories. The government stated that in 2021-22, under the Integrated Program for Rehabilitation of Beggars, the Centre allocated Rs 10 crore, of which the government used only Rs 5 lakh, and in 2022-23, under the same scheme, the government gave ₹15 crore, of which the government used only ₹44 lakh.

While the government allocated ₹25 crore for the comprehensive rehabilitation for the Welfare of transgender persons in 2021-22, only ₹1.91 crore were used, and in 2022-23, the government allocated ₹30 crore, of which only ₹12 lakh were used, indicating that the Gujarat spent less than 1% of this amount in all these schemes.

STATE FAILS TO SPEND FUNDS
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The govt said in 2021-22, under a programme for beggars' rehab, Centre allocated ₹10 crore, of which the govt used only
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The Centre budgeted ₹10 cr for the VISVAS scheme which aimed at giving interest subsidies to OBC/SC SHGs or individuals in 21-22 and 22-23. But state govt didn't use a rupee

Trend of 'I, me, myself politics' in country: Tharoor

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

DESPITE a cold and rainy day in the Pink City, author and senior Congress leader and MP Shashi Tharoor triggered a hot political debate at the Jaipur Literature Festival on Sunday. Tharoor asserted that 'I, me, myself' politics that has been happening in the country for the last 10 years, represents a major threat to Indian democracy. In such a situation, he asked the audience to vote for the opposition, and then we will name our leader.

"I do not want to create controversy here by taking the name of any one leader. This has happened in our party before too," added Tharoor.

The Congress MP from Kerela said so while presenting his views in the session based on democracy in Jaipur Literature Festival. Further, raising questions on the functioning of the country's constitutional institutions, he termed the ED and CBI as 'rubber stamps'.

Tharoor pointed out that, "We have a parliamentary system, which is quite bad. Our parliamentary system is being run presidentially, which is not good for a democratic institution. In 2014, the election slogan should have been 'I, not we', but in the last 10 years it has been 'I, myself', which is related to an individual. However, we would not like to go into whether he has solved all the problems or not."

Shashi Tharoor at Jaipur Literature Festival, in Jaipur on Sunday | PTI

In the midst of all this, Tharoor urged that "alternative leadership should also get a chance. Where experienced qualified leaders are present, who will listen to you with humanity. Will talk about you, not about myself. What is your problem and what is your need?" However, on this the moderator asked how all this would work in the India alliance, to which Tharoor said that "this is the only way. If you don't have anyone suitable to vote for, try voting for the opposition."

During this, he said that there are many political parties in the country, which are running according to each state. This is what scares me about how the country is running, because every state has its own politics and its own history. It is so in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. There are similar political parties, but both have different politics. Along with Shashi Tharoor, Inderjit Roy was also present in the session held at JLF's Charbagh, with whom famous television anchor Nidhi Razdan spoke. During this, Tharoor said about democracy that the previous governments had worked hard to implement it properly, but now the situation has changed.

Tharoor said that the previous governments had worked hard to implement democracy well. Now the situation there has changed. After Modi's arrival, the opposition is not being given a chance to present its side even in the House. Democratic institutions are working like rubber stamps.

'Another leader should get a chance'

Senior Congress leader and MP Shashi Tharoor urged that "alternative leadership should also get a chance. Where experienced qualified leaders are present, who will listen to you with humanity. Will talk about you, not about myself. What is your problem and what is your need?"

Cancer cases rising in Punjab; count may touch 44K a year by '25: Report

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE cancer cases in Punjab are likely to touch 43,196 cases in 2025, an increase of 13 per cent since 2020, sources in state health department said.

Of these, the maximum are women with the breast and cervix uteri being the most common, while in men the most prevalent is esophagus (food pipe) cancer that is due to alcohol consumption and fat.

As per the data with the Indian Council of Medical Research (National Centre for Diseases informatics and Research, Bengaluru), the projected incidents of cancer for 2025 in Punjab in males are 19,991 and 23,205 females totaling to 43,196 cases. In 2020, a total of 38,636 cases are reported -- 18,043 cases in males and 20,593 cases in females, the sources said. In 2019, the number was 37,744 cases, 36,888 cases in 2018, a total of 39,521 cases in 2021, and 40,435 in 2022.

The male-to-female ratio stands at 1,079:1,215 in every 1 lakh population, across age groups. The incident rate of cancer in men is 101.6 per lakh and 127.7 per lakh in women.

Meanwhile the number of deaths in 2020 due to cancer were 22,276, in 2021, 22,786 deaths and in 2022, 23,301 deaths.The maximum cases have been reported in districts of Patiala, Bathinda, Ludhiana.

Speaking to this newspaper, Dr Ashish Gulia, Director of Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at New Chandigarh, said, "If we look at data from our Tata Memorial hospitals we treat about 1.35 lakh to 1.40 lakh patients in our all Tata Memorial hospitals across the country that is 10 to 11 per cent of cancer patients in country."

Dr Sandeep Singh Gill, Assistant Director and SNO NP-NCD Punjab said, "We are proposing to do breast cancer screening with a new thermal scam with AI digital technology at the health care facilities across the state. For timely detection of cancer screening has been increased and suspected cases are referred to secondary and tertiary-care centres for diagnosis and treatment."

Maximum cancer cases among women

The maximum number of cancer are women with the breast and cervix uteri being the most common, while in men the most prevalent is esophagus (food pipe) cancer that is due to alcohol consumption and fat. while in men the most prevalent is esophagus (food pipe) cancer

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the public that my client is intending to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner R.Jawahar S/o S.Ramaswamy. If anybody any claims over the schedule property or objections to the proposed sale may file their claim or objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. If any claim or objections are not received within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that there are no claims or objections for transferring the schedule property in favour of my client by way of absolute sale.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of the vacant site bearing No.12, property No.5/12 as per B-Extract issued by BBMP, Khatha Number as per tax paid receipt 466-5/2-12, situate at Beretana Agrahara, Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk coming within the limits of BBMP measuring East to West on the Northern side 68 feet on the Southern side 55 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 2460 Sq.feet and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No.11, South by : Site No.13.

(N. Guruva Reddy), Advocate
No.34, "Ganesha Krupa", 2nd Floor,
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Karnataka

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client **Sri. Tameem Ibrahim Shaik**, S/o Sri Late Ibrahim Shaikh, residing at No. 669/2, Basera House, Hale Herawatta Post, Herawatta Kumta, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka 581332, intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule from its present owners Sri M Raja Shekar Raju, residing at No. 15, Mohan Raju Layout, Sunrise English School, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore 560094.

Any person/s having objection/s to the above mentioned transaction or any person/s claiming to have any right, title, interest, claim or demand on the said property by way of Sale/Agreement of Sale / Exchange / Gift / Mortgage / Charge / Trust / Inheritance / Possession / Lease / Tenancy / Easements / Attachments / Family Settlements / Will / Bequeath / Succession Rights / Development Rights / Power of Attorney / Partnership or Otherwise whatsoever in nature in relation to the owners or the Schedule Property or any part thereof may lodge his/her/their objections and claims in writing along with documentary proof with the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property with the Owners as if no claim/s or objection/s exist and that they have been consciously waived and abandoned by such person/s forever.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Al that piece and parcel of immovable property of Site No. 1100, formed in government owned Sy. No. 97, situated in Rachenahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and measuring East to West 50 ft., North to South 30 ft., in total 1500 sq.ft., and bounded on ;

East by :	Road
West by :	Site No. 1108
North by :	Site No. 1099
South by :	Site No. 1101

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Form No. 18
General Notice in respect of Interlocutory Application and Notice for appearance in Appeals Order 41 Rule 14 CPC, and Rules 1, 2, 4 and 11 of Chapter IV Karnataka High Court Rules
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT BENGALURU

MFA No. 2718/2020 (MV-)

Appellant : M/S DEEPICA RESIDENCY WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS (DWAR), Having Office at Sy.No. 91/6, Nagaravarapalya Main Road, C.V. Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560093, Represented By Its Authorized Representative Sri M. Kaliamoorthi, Aged 68 years By SRI.ANUPAM AGARWAL, Adv

V/s

Respondents : 1. M/s GRUHA DEEPICA BUILDERS, A Registered Partnership Firm having Office at No. 56, Nanjappa Circle, Near BEL, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, Represented By Its Partners Dr. K.V. Nageshwara Rao, Smt. K Lakshmi Kiran, Sri. N. Venkatasubba Rao and Others

Appeal From the Judgement/Award/Order passed on 20/11/2019 in MISC. No. 938/2016 on the file of the XXXIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE CITY (CCH-40)

To: Respondent No. R1 TO R4

1. **M/S GRUHA DEEPICA BUILDERS,** A Registered Partnership Firm having Office at No. 56, Nanjappa Circle, Near BEL, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, Represented By Its Partners Dr. K.V. Nageshwara Rao, Smt. K Lakshmi Kiran, Sri. N Venkatasubba Rao
2. **DR. K.V. NAGESHWARA RAO,** Aged 56 Years, S/o Late K. Ramakrishna, Residing At Flat No. 97/a, MLA's Colony, Banjara Hills Road, No. 12, Hyderabad- 500034.
3. **SMT. K. LAKSHMI KIRAN,** Aged 48 Years. W/o Dr. K.V Nageshwara Rao, Residing At Flat No. 97/A, MLA's Colony, Banjara Hills Road, No. 12, Hyderabad- 500034.
4. **SRI. N. VENKATASUBBA RAO,** S/o Sri. Rama Rao, Aged 54 Years, Residing at Kovvali (V), Dendaluru (M) West Godhavari District, Andhra Pradesh State.

(Respondents and 2 to 4 are Partners of First Respondent Firm, they are also available at No. 56 & 587 Nanjappa Circle, Near BEL, Vidyaranyapura Bengaluru-560097).

Whereas the aforementioned Appeal preferred as in the copy of the Memorandam annexed hereunto, has been registered by this Court.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this case **on 11/03/2024 at 10.30 a.m.,** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail so to appear, the appeal will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on THE 19th DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Sri S. Manjunath, S/o. Late B Srinivas, has negotiated to purchase the Property scheduled below from its owners Smt. Kavalamma, W/o. late Channabasappa M, R/a. No. 212, 10th B Main, DoddaBanasawadi, Bengaluru- 560 043.

Objections / claims if any to the proposed transaction of sale or in respect of below Schedule Property may be lodged with the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof within 10 days from hereof, failing which our client shall finalise the transaction. Objections received beyond the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel immovable property bearing present BBMP Municipal No.43/1, (Old Municipal No: 10/1, 10/2 and 10/3), PID No.70-49-43/1, having right of way in the common passage open to sky running from West to East facing South in front of remaining portions of the house No: 43 on the western side constructed over the Site No: 4, formed in Sy.No. 4 situated at Akkithimanahalli, Nanjappa Layout, Swasthi Main Road, Shanthinagar, presently comes with the BBMP Ward No. 117 (earlier Corporation Division No: 62), Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 16.3 feet and North to South : 33 feet totally measuring 537.9 Sq Ft (49.80 Sq. Meters) along with residential building consisting Ground and First floor and open passage facing W.C and in front of the House facing South and East and bounded on East by : House belonging to Giriyappa, West by : Remaining portion of House No. 43, North by: Compound wall of Sri. K Krishna and building of B. K Muniyappa, South by : Swasthi Main Road and Site No: 5.

Narayan M Naik, Advocate
No. 40/1, 1st Floor, Bellary Main Road,
Ganganagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru.
Mob: 7892479006, 9845482816,
9743286163
Bangalore Date: 03.02.2024

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-/23-24/9292-93 Date:03.02.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry **No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/23-24/EPR-29 Dated 03.02.2024** for the work of increasing vertical clearance of existing 66kV ITI-Hebbala-1 & 2 [Hebbala - L.R.Bande & Hebbala - Banaswadi tapped to pottery road] double circuit line between tower No. 06 & 07 in HMT Layout, R.T Nagar by providing 02 Nos of 66kV "DC+6" NBT KPTCL design towers in TLM Sub-division, Hoody in the jurisdiction of BMAZ South Circle.

The Bids will be received through KPPP mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05.02.2024.** other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.),
Transmission (M), BMAZ South Circle, KPTCL,
Anandrao Circle, Bengaluru-09.

HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE

Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032. CIN: U65993MH2008PLC384221.
Regional Office: No. 480, 4th Floor, Khivraj Complex 2, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai 600035.
Branch Office: No. 50, Vinay arcade, 4th Floor, Above Canara Bank, KH Road, Shanti Nagar -560027.

SALE NOTICE Under Rule 8&9 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules 2002

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **M/s.Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Section 13(2), issued a demand notice dated **01.11.2019** calling upon the Borrower and Co-Borrorwers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and Co-Borrowers having failed to repay the amount within the statutory period, the Authorised Officer in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act in accordance with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had taken the possession of the property described herein below.

Public are hereby informed that the property more fully described in the table hereunder will be sold under Rule 8 & 9 of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" CONDITION,** without any recourse basis by inviting sealed Bids from the public up to 16.00 hrs on **15/03/2024.** Those who want to participate in the auction sale can forward their bids only by RPAD along with KYC Documents addressed to the "Authorised officer **M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited,** No. 480, 4th Floor, Khivraj Complex 2, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai 600035 in sealed covers superscribed as Offer for Sale of Assets A/c. **M/s, V V Enterprises** to the undersigned on or before 16.00 Hrs. on **25/03/2024.** Bids received after 16.00 Hrs. on **25/03/2024** and thereafter will be rejected. The sealed Bids received by RPAD up to16.00 Hrs. on **25/03/2024** will be opened on **27/03/2024** at 17:00 hrs. at the place mentioned hereunder. The successful bidder has to pay the balance amount within 15 days from the date of receipt of Sale confirmation. The sale shall be completed only on deposit of the Balance amount as stated above.

Name and Address of the Borrower & Co-Borrower	Secured Debt (Rs.)	Reserve Price fixed for the Property	Place for Title Verification
1. M/s, V V Enterprises, Prop: Mr. M. Vijay Varma, Ville 4, Suraksha Fair View, Belathur Village, Kadugodi Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, White Fields, Bangalore, Karnataka -560067. **2. Mr. M. Vijay Varma,** Ville 4, Suraksha Fair View, Belathur Village, Kadugodi Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, White Fields, Bangalore, Karnataka -560067. **3. Mrs. Vasundhara V. Varma,** Ville 4, Suraksha Fair View, Belathur Village, Kadugodi Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, White Fields, Bangalore, Karnataka -560067.	**Rs. 1,87,75,249 /-** (One Crore Eighty-Seven Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Nine Rupees Only, as on 02-12-2023) + Further Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal Expenses + Incidental Charges till the date of payment.	**Rs. 81,22,240/-** (Rupees Eighty-One Lakh Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Rupees Only) **Earnest Money Deposit** 25% of the Bid Amount	**Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited,** No.480, 4th Floor, Khivraj Complex 2, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai 600035 **Place for Opening of Bid** **Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited,** No 50, Vinay arcade, 4th Floor, Above Canara Bank, KH Road, Shanti Nagar -560027 **Date and Time of Opening the Bid** **27.03.2024 @ 17.00 Hrs**

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of property bearing PH-1 new Municipal No.27/8 in third floor of Chaitra manor having 3016 Sq. Ft. or super built-up area along with 668 Sq. Ft. of undivided share in Municipal No.27, PID NO.96-173-27, HL.No.27 & 28, Khatha No.48/2, 14th Cross of Nagavara Within the of BBMP and **bounded on:** East by: Property No. 26, West by: Property No. 29, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

1) The Property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** Condition..
2) Interested parties may send their tenders addressed to the **"Authorised Officer" M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited.,** by RPAD for purchasing the said property in a sealed cover superscribed as **"Offer for Auction Sale of Property A/c. M/s V. V ENTERPRISES,** Contract No: "KABNBN03437" along with a D.D. in the name of **M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited.,** or RTGS. dDetails of RTGS: Account Holder's Name: **M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited.,** Account No. 3011253960, Bank Name: Kotak Mahindra Bank, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600002 A/c – Current Account, IFSC Code – KKBK0000462 for 25% of the tender amount being the EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) favouring M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited., payable at Chennai, which is refundable if the tender is not successful. The tender should reach us latest by **25.03.2024 before 16.00 hours** at M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd., No.480, 4th Floor, Khivraj Complex 2, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai 600035.
3) Sealed quotations by RPAD shall be accepted till **25.03.2024** and the same will be opened at **17.00 hours on the 27.03.2024** at: **M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited,** No 50, Vinay arcade, 4th floor, above Canara bank, KH Road, Shanti Nagar -560027. The highest tender will be announced after the covers are opened.
4) The Authorised Officer reserves the right to conduct Inter-se bidding / further negotiations amongst the bidders. The highest bidder amongst them after Inter-se bidding / negotiations shall be declared as successful bidder. The Bidders may improve their further offers in multiple of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only).
5) In case the successful bidder fails to pay the balance amount of the Sale consideration within 15 days after the intimation that the sale has been knocked down in his favor, the entire deposit of EMD made by him/her shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any further notice.
6) Tenders received below the Reserve Price will be rejected.
7) The successful bidder would bear the Charges / Fee payable for conveyance such as Stamp Duty Registration Fee etc., as applicable as per law.
8) The Authorised Officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the Govt., or anybody in respect of the property under sale.
9) The intending purchasers shall visit the property and verify the title deeds before participating in the auction. Successful bidder will not be refunded with the EMD after participating in the auction.
10) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept / reject the tender or adjourn / postpone the sale without assigning any reason therefor.
11) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/auction and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and /or assigning any reasons.
12) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Authorised Officer.
13) Intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer (9841632420)** on any working dayon or before **21-03-2024** during office hours and before last day of receipt of the tender for inspection of property. The Inspection of the property will be arranged on **22-03-2024.**
14) The prospective bidders may satisfy themselves about condition of assets /value / title / measurements etc., before submitting their offer. All the details of the property are as per information received by the Authorised Officer and so the Authorised Officer is not responsible for any deviation in the information.

The borrower / co-borrower(s) / guarantor(s) / mortgagor(s) may treat this as 30 days' notice for sale. The borrowers are hereby given a last & final opportunity to discharge the liability of the secured debt in full as stated above within 30 days from the date of this notice and reclaim the immovable assets, failing which the assets will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the Company under the subject Act or any other law.

Dated: 05-02-2024

for Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited.,
Authorised Officer, (N. Udayakumar) 9841632420

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Balaraju S, 2) Mrs. Roseline Mary, W/o. Mr. Balaraju S	Loan Account No. 30139630000014 30139800000472 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.90,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Portion of Katha No.211/211, situated at Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Now comes under BBMP Limits, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 32 feet and North to South: 32 feet, total measuring 1024 Sq.feet and **Bounded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Remaining portion of the same property, **North by:** Property belongs to Sri. Arogyappa & **South by:** Road.	**Date of NPA: 03-01-2024 Demand Notice Date: 01-02-2024**	**Rs.4,19,023.02** (Rupees Four Lakh Nineteen Thousand Twenty Three and Two Paisa Only) **due as on 30-01-2024**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 05.02.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD.

Acting in its capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts
Arcil office: The Ruby, 10th floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West) Mumbai-400 028. Tel: +91 22 66581300
Branch Address: No.2243, 3rd Floor, Vishishta Arcade, 23rd Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070
Website: www.arcil.co.in; CIN-U65999MH2002PLC134884

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH ONLINE E-AUCTION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) READ WITH RULES 6, 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) / Mortgagor (s), in particular, that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited,** acting in its **capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts ("ARCIL")** (pursuant to the assignment of financial asset vide registered Assignment Agreements), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis"** by way of online e-auction, for recovery of outstanding dues of together with further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below in terms of the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rules 6, 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgager/s	Trust Name & Selling Bank Name	Outstanding amount as per SARFAESI Notice dated 29.04.2021	Possession type and date	Date of Inspection	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Last Date for submission of Bid & EMD	Reserve Price	Bid Increment	Date & Time of E-Auction/ web-site for Auction	Branch Address and contact persons
Mrs. Umadevi Mr Rangadhamaiah M.G.	Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-029-B-Trust Federal Bank	**Rs.2,95,70,467/-** (Indian Rupees Two Crores Ninety Five Lakhs Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven Only) **as on 18.04.2021** + further Interest thereon + Legal Expenses under **LAN No. 1553730000123**	**Physical on 09.03.2023**	**Will be arranged on request**	**Rs. 19,06,800/-** (Indian Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Only) **The Earnest Money has to be deposited by way of DD/RTGS Favouring "Arcil- Retail Loan Portfolio-029-B-Trust", Account: 57500000961251, Federal Bank, Branch: Neminath Apartment, Plot No 350, SK Bole Rd, Omkar Society, Dagdiwadi, Dadar West, Dadar, Mumbai 400028, IFSC Code: FDRL0001505**	**Rs. 1,90,68,000/-** (Indian Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Only)	**As mentioned in the BID document**	**On 21.02.2024 between 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. www.arcil.co.in**	**No. 2243, Vishishta Arcade, 4th Floor, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560070 Contact person: Mr. Shivashankar UB**

Link for Tender documents:-	www.arcil.co.in	**Pending Litigations known to ARCIL:-**	WP No. 25869/2023	**Encumbrances/Dues known to ARCIL:-**	Nil

Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned.	**Property belonging to Mrs. Umadevi** Residentially converted undeveloped land measuring 1 acre in Sy No. 5/2 of Mallarabanavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District with building having approx. plinth area measuring 11859 Sq. ft. and **bound on the East by:** Land in Sy No.4, **West by:** Land in Sy No.7, **North by:** Road and **South by:** Land in Sy No. 11.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The Auction Sale is being conducted through e-auction through the **website www.arcil.co.in** and as per the Terms and Conditions of the Bid Document, and as per the procedure set out therein. For details in this regard and for inspection of the property, please contact **Mr. Shailesh Gaikwad, Contact Number : 9867929121, email id: shailesh.gaikwad@arcil.co.in and Mr. Satheesh R Contact Number: 9738141146, email id: satheesh.r@arcil.co.in**
2. The Authorised Officer ("AO")/ ARCIL shall not be held responsible for internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc.
3. At any stage of the auction, the AO may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
4. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, applicable GST on the purchase consideration, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the secured asset conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
5. The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries/ due diligence regarding encumbrances, title of secured asset and claims/rights/dues affecting the secured assets, including statutory dues, etc., prior to submitting their bid. The Khatha Certificate in the name of borrower is not available as borrower has not transferred Khatha in his name. The auction advertisement does not constitute and will not constitute any commitment or any representation of ARCIL. The Authorized Officer of ARCIL shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/rights/dues.
6. The particulars specified in the auction notice published in the newspaper have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned; however undersigned shall not be responsible / liable for any error, misstatement or omission.
7. The Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of the above mentioned auction sale.
8. In the event, the auction scheduled hereinabove fails for any reason whatsoever, ARCIL has the right to sell the secured asset by any other methods under the provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Rules and the Act.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Date: 05.02.2024 **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act. The Authorized Officer of **M/s. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit **25%** of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within **15 days** thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details/ clarifications and for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act/ Rules.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty	Description of Secured Assets/ Immovable Properties
1	45349437320568 47519430001802 & 47519430000877	1) Mr. Mubarak Basha, S/o. Ameer Basha, Also at: Mr. Mubarak Basha, 2) Mrs. Nusrath Banu, Also at: Mrs. Nusrath Banu	**Rs.15,93,379.47** (Rupees Fifteen lakhs Ninety Three thousand Three hundred and Seventy Nine and Paisa Forty Seven Only) **as of 17.01.2022**	**Rs.13,50,000/-** (Rupee Thirteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	**Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.166, Presently BBMP Limited Katha No.580/166. Situated at Harohalli Village, Yelankahobli measurine East to West 30 Feet North to South 40 Feet. Total Measuring 1200 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on: East by:** Sibasmins Properties, **West by:** Muniyappas Properties, **North by:** Ramreddys Property & **South by:** Road.

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

Correspondence Address: Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147), email: syedayaseen.rana@janabank.com, Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com & Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617), email: umesh.m01@janabank.com. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Date: 05.02.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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(for political party to publish in the website, newspapers, TV)
Declaration about criminal antecedents of Candidates set up by the party;
(As per the judgement dated 25th September 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(CIVIL) No.536 of 2011)
Public Interest Foundation & ors. –Vs- Union of India & Another.

Name of Political Party : **JANATA DAL (SECULAR)**
*Name of the Election : **ELECTION TO MEMBER OF KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM BANGALORE TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY**
Name of State/UT : **KARNATAKA**

Sl. No	Name of Constituency	Name of the Candidate	(A) Pending criminal cases		(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
			Name of Court case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offences (s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment imposed
1	BANGALORE TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY	A P RANGANATHA	I Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore. PCR No. 10252/2022 C.C.No. 18618/2022 Pending Stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in Crl. Ptn. No. 7488/2023	Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P.Act. Took part in giving a press note along with the like-minded persons on 30.05.2022 in front of City Civil Court, Bangalore, to voice disconcertment against the Text Book Revision Committee, with respect to the chapters of Kuvempu, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and Basavanna were missed out in the Text books, for the same the PSI of Halsuru Gate Police has filed a Private Complaint No.10252/2022 before the Learned I Addl.C.M.M. Bangalore, under Section 200 of C.P.C. seeking permission to investigate for the alleged commission of offences under Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P.Act	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

*In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

SD/-
(H.D.KUMARASWAMY)
President, Janata Dal (Secular)
Bangalore

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(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & Website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Contempt petition (C) No.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) No.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **JANATA DAL (SECULAR)**
*Name of the Election : **ELECTION TO MEMBER OF KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM BANGALORE TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY**
Name of State/UT : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency: **BANGALORE TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY**
Name of the candidate : **A P RANGANATHA**

Sl.No			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a	Nature of the offences	Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P. Act.
	b	Case Number	PCR No.10252/2022 C.C.No.18618/2022
	c	Name of the Court	I Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.
	d	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Not yet
	e	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
	f	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g	Any other information required to be given	Took part in giving a press note along with the like-minded persons on 30.05.2022 in front of City Civil Court, Bangalore, to voice disconcertment against the Text Book Revision Committee, with respect to the chapters of Kuvempu, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and Basavanna were missed out in the Text books, for the same the PSI of Halsuru Gate Police has filed a Private Complaint No.10252/2022 before the Learned I Addl.C.M.M. Bangalore, under Section 200 of C.P.C. seeking permission to investigate for the alleged commission of offences under Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P.Act
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate: Selection shall be within reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls Sri.A.P.Ranganatha is a practicing Advocate and serving the party and Society at large having social concern, he was former President of Advocates' Association Bangalore. He is in public life since 29 years. So he is the eligible candidate.		
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates		He is more qualified, competent & considering his services to the Party and to the Society at large

*In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

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FOREST FIRE

Intense forest fires burning around a densely populated area of central Chile have caused at least 46 deaths

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	6	-7	HR	Los Angeles	15	12	HR
Colombo	30	24	HR	Melbourne	21	16	LR
Dhaka	24	16	SNY	Moscow	-3	-9	LC
Dubai	24	19	WI	New York	6	-2	SNY
Houston	16	9	WI	Singapore	32	26	LR
Istanbul	13	9	LC	Toronto	3	-1	LC
London	12	7	WI	Washington	10	-1	SNY

US, UK STRIKE YEMEN TARGETS, HOUTHIS VOW TO RETALIATE

Third time British and American forces have jointly carried operations against the Yemeni rebels

SANAA

YEMEN'S Houthis said Sunday US and British air strikes "will not deter us" and vowed a response after dozens of targets were hit in retaliation for the Iran-backed rebels' repeated Red Sea attacks. The joint air raids in Yemen late Saturday, denounced by Iran, followed a separate wave of unilateral American strikes against Iran-linked targets in Iraq and Syria in response to a drone attack that killed three US soldiers in Jordan. It was the third time that British and American forces have jointly targeted the Houthis, whose attacks in solidarity with Palestinians in war-battered Gaza have disrupted global trade.

The US has also carried out a series of air raids against the Yemeni rebels on its own, but their attacks on the vital Red Sea trade route have persisted.

Saturday's strikes hit "36 Houthi targets across 13 locations", the United States, Britain and other countries that provided support for the operation said in a statement. US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said the strikes "are intended to further disrupt and degrade the capabilities of the Iranian-backed Houthi militia to conduct their reckless and destabilising attacks".

Neither Austin nor the joint statement identified the specific places that were hit, but Houthi military spokesman Yahya Saree said the capital Sanaa and other rebel-held areas were targeted. Saree reported a total of 48 air strikes, and said on social media platform X that "these attacks will not deter us from our... stance in support of the steadfast Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip," where the Israel-Hamas war has raged since early October.

The latest strikes "will not pass without response and punishment", Saree said.

A handout picture released by the British Ministry of Defence (MOD) on Saturday night shows RAF Typhoon FRG4s getting ready to strike targets in Yemen | AFP

WARNING OVER SPY SHIPS IN MIDEAST

Iran issued a warning to the US over potentially targeting two cargo ships in the Mideast long suspected of serving as forwarding operating base for Iranian commandos, just after US, UK launched a massive airstrike campaign against Houthi rebels.

Dashed hopes

Britain's defence ministry said Royal Air Force Typhoon warplanes struck two ground control stations used to operate attack and reconnaissance drones. Austin said targets included "locations associated with the Houthis' deeply buried weapons storage facilities, missile systems and launchers, air defence systems, and radars". There were no immediate reports of casualties. In rebel-held Sanaa, 35-year-old resident Hamed Ghanem said his family was "scared when we heard the strikes". "We had hope that the war would end, and now God knows how long" it might go on for," he said. *AFP*

Iran says strikes contradict US and UK policy

TEHRAN

IRAN on Sunday denounced the latest US and UK strikes on targets in Yemen saying they "contradict" their declared intention of avoiding a wider Middle East conflict. These attacks are "in clear contradiction with the repeated claims of Washington and London that they do not want the expansion of war and conflict in the region," Iran's foreign ministry spokesman, Nasser Kanani, said in a statement. He accused the US and Britain of "fuelling chaos, disorder, insecurity and instability" by supporting Israel in its war against Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip. Further strikes on international shipping in Red Sea is "a threat to international peace and security," Kanani said.

Meanwhile, the head of Iraq's pro-Iran Hashed al-Shaabi alliance on Sunday demanded the withdrawal of US-led coalition forces from the country. "They targeted administration offices, a (Hashed) hospital, they struck forces tasked with protecting the borders," Faleh al-Fayyad said at a funeral ceremony for members of the group killed in the US strikes.

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

DEBATE ENDS FOR ELECTIONS

With the prized presidency of the world's third-largest democracy at stake, the three presidential candidates faced off for the last time in a televised debate on Sunday as they made pledges to improve health and welfare of voters, said a Channel News Asia report. Defence minister and frontrunner Prabowo Subianto was the first to speak on the topics of health, education, social welfare, IT employment, etc. Ganjar Pranowo pledged to focus on health by encouraging people to do sports. Former Jakarta governor Anies Baswedan said he would ensure there is no inequality and injustice.

SINGAPORE

PUBLIC URGED TO KEEP GIVING BLOOD

Singapore's O+ blood stock has seen an improvement of close to 230 per cent since a media appeal in Jan, but citizens have been urged to continue donating blood, said a report in Straits Times. "The Singapore Red Cross (SRC) and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) said blood stocks typically drop by 20 per cent during festive periods and long weekends."

MALAYSIA

41 ROHINGYA REFUGEES HELD

More than 40 exhausted and hungry Rohingya refugees have been recaptured by Malaysian police following a detention centre breakout by 131 migrants from Myanmar, a senior police official said Sunday. On Thursday, a total of 115 Rohingya migrants and 16 others -- all of them men -- rioted in their detention building before escaping the Bidor temporary immigration centre in northern Perak state. The Rohingya experience persecution in their predominantly Buddhist homeland of Myanmar, with many fleeing to affluent, Muslim-majority Malaysia or to refugee camps in Bangladesh.

Khan's party navigates blackouts to stay alive

RAWALPINDI

FORMER prime minister Imran Khan's party has redefined election campaigning in Pakistan with its social media rallies and use of AI technology in a bid to sidestep a nationwide crackdown that has followed it online. Khan was jailed in the build-up to the campaign, while his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) has been heavily restricted from campaigning for Thursday's vote and banned from the television airwaves.

Censorship then followed as the party pushed its election campaign online. "They can ban what they want, they can ban YouTube and TikTok, whatever they want but our vote is for Imran Khan," 18-year-old Imran Aziz, a first-time voter, said at a bustling electronics market in the garrison city of Rawalpindi.

Pakistani internet freedom watchdog Bytes 4 All recorded four hours-long social media shutdowns in January -- cutting off access to TikTok, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube while Khan's PTI live-streamed to its supporters.

The blackouts were blamed by the government on "technical difficulties".

The party's main website was also blocked in January and, within hours, a seemingly perfect duplicate appeared – except that it contained disinformation meant to confuse voters. The methods are not new, and were also used by Khan when he was in power, but activists say the scale of the crackdown is "unprecedented". "It challenges the democracy of a nation when you have the incumbents preventing the opposition's ability to participate," said Alp Toker, the director of global network monitor NetBlocks.

PTI websites have been blocked, including an official portal listing its candidates nationwide. A duplicate site with a slightly different web address appeared online hours later containing misleading candidate information, directing voters to cast ballots for representatives from other parties. *AFP*

Posters of various political parties ahead of the February 8 elections | AFP

Namibia president Geingob no more

HARARE

Namibia's president and founding prime minister Hage Geingob died on Sunday at age 82 while receiving treatment for cancer, and the southern African nation quickly swore in his deputy to complete the remaining time in office.

Geingob played a central role in what has become one of Africa's most stable democracies after returning from a long exile in Botswana and the United States as an anti-apartheid activist.

He was the country's third president since it gained independence in 1990 following more than a century of German and then apartheid South African rule. He had been president since 2015 and was set to finish his second and final term in office this year. His deputy, Vice President Nangolo Mbumba, was sworn in as acting president in the capital, Windhoek, to complete the term as allowed by the constitution. Elections are set for November. A government statement said Mbumba will lead Namibia until March 21 of next year, when the winner takes office.

Israeli min's US criticism sparks anger

JERUSALEM

CRITICISM of President Joe Biden by a far-right minister in Israel's government who said Donald Trump would allow more freedom to fight Hamas sparked outrage there on Sunday, highlighting the sensitivity of relations as Washington provides key support for the offensive against the militants in Gaza. The Biden administration has skirted Congress to rush weapons to Israel and shielded its ally from international calls for a ceasefire. Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israel's national security minister, in an interview with *The Wall Street Journal* said Biden was hindering Israel's war effort. "Instead of giving us his full backing, Biden is busy with giving humanitarian aid and fuel (to Gaza), which goes to Hamas,' Ben-Gvir said. His remarks drew fire from Benny Gantz, a retired general and member of Netanyahu's three-man War Cabinet, who said Ben-Gvir was 'causing tremendous damage' to American-Israeli relations. *Agencies*

Hamas weighs Gaza truce as fighting nears fifth month

GAZA

ISRAELI strikes across Gaza killed scores overnight and battles raged Sunday in the besieged territory's south as Hamas was reviewing a proposal for a halt in the nearly four-month-long war. French Foreign Minister Stephane Sejourne was in Egypt and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken expected in the region in the coming days to push for a ceasefire and hostage release.

The health ministry in the Hamas-ruled territory said at least 127 people were killed in Israeli strikes in the past 24 hours in the Gaza Strip, more than 90 of them overnight. The Hamas government media office said a kindergarten where families were sheltering was hit in the southern border city of Rafah, which is teeming with Palestinians displaced by the war. "There is no safe place in the Gaza Strip, from north to south," displaced man Mohammed Kloub told AFP in Rafah, which according to UN figures now hosts more than half of Gaza's population. Israel has warned its ground forces could advance on Rafah as part of its campaign to eliminate Hamas militants.

Street devastated by Israeli military vehicles during raids in Balata | AFP

An *AFP* journalist reported strikes and tank fire on Khan Yunis, southern Gaza's main city, with some air raids also hitting nearby Rafah. The army said Sunday its troops raided "a compound used by the commander of Hamas's Khan Yunis brigade" and seized weapons, also confirming air and naval strikes on the city.

It reported several militants had been killed after attempting to attack Israeli troops. With the war set to enter a fifth month on Wednesday, international mediators were pressing to seal a proposed truce deal thrashed out in a Paris meeting of top US, Israeli, Egyptian and Qatari officials.

Gaza rendered 'unlivable'

Sejourne, at the start of his first Middle East tour as foreign minister, said on social media that he told Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sissi of France's desire "for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza and restarting talks for a... two-state solution". A top Hamas official in Lebanon, Osama Hamdan, said Saturday the group needed more time to "announce our position". Hamdan added that Hamas wanted "to put an end as quickly as possible to the aggression that our people suffer". A Hamas source has said the proposal involves an initial six-week pause.

Denver shooting: Two people dead

DENVER

Two people have died following a report of an early morning shooting that injured six people in Denver on Sunday, police said. The victims' names and cause of death would later be released, the Denver Police Department said in a social media post. Police said earlier that investigators were at the scene of a shooting in the 5000 block of North Orleans Court. Officers were working on gathering information about a possible suspect, police said.

Biden wins South Carolina Democratic primary, vows to make 'Trump a loser'

WASHINGTON

INCUMBENT US President Joe Biden has secured a decisive win in the Democratic presidential primary in the crucial state of South Carolina, notching his first official victory in his largely unobstructed path to become his party's nominee for a possible rematch against Donald Trump in November 5 election. It was the first official primary of the ruling party. South Carolina is the state that launched Biden to the Democratic nomination four years ago.

Biden, 81, who is seeking re-election in the November presidential elections, received 96.2 per cent of the votes in Saturday's primary, with almost non-existent Marianne Williamson getting just 2.1 per cent of the votes. Biden's decisive win, which was called almost immediately after polls closed, was not a surprise given his lack of a formidable challenger.

Biden, 81, faces concerns within his party about his age and ability to fire up young voters. Yet despite his flaws as a candidate, a viable Democratic challenger never emerged last year. The Republican primary in the state is scheduled to be held on February 24. Former President Trump, 77, is the favourite in that race.

"As I said four years ago, this campaign is for everyone who has been knocked down, counted out and left behind. That is still true today. With more than 14 million new jobs and a record 24 straight months two years of the unemployment rate under 4%, including a record low unemployment rate for Black Americans, we are leaving no one behind," Biden said in a statement. He said he would make Republican rival Trump a "loser" in November's election. "In 2020, it was the voters of South Carolina who proved the pundits wrong, breathed new life into our campaign. Now in 2024, I have no doubt that you have set us on the path to winning the Presidency again and making 'Donald Trump a loser' again," he said. *AP*

A person votes at a polling centre in West Columbia, South Carolina on Saturday | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Republicans aid for Israel, leaves out Ukraine

WASHINGTON: House Republicans will move forward with a $17.6 billion package next week that provides military aid to Israel and replenish US weapons, but leaves out more help for Ukraine, underscoring the challenges facing supporters of a comprehensive national security package that would also include billions of dollars for immigration enforcement. The move gives Speaker Mike Johnson and House Republicans the chance to show support for Israel even though there is little chance the Senate will go along. Meanwhile, text of a broader Senate compromise is expected to be released this weekend.

At least 28 dead in Russia-occupied region

MOSCOW: Moscow-installed officials say Ukrainian shelling killed at least 28 people at a bakery in the Russian-occupied city of Lysychansk. At least one child was among the dead Saturday, local leader Leonid Pasechnik wrote in a statement on Telegram. 10 more were rescued from under the rubble by emergency services, he said. Ukrainian officials in Kyiv did not comment. Both Moscow and Kyiv have increasingly relied on longer-range attacks this winter amid largely unchanged positions on the 1,500-km front line. However, Ukrainian forces have come under intense Russian attack over the past 24 hours.

UK PM ON RACISM

Parents wanted Sunak to speak without accent

LONDON

RISHI Sunak, the UK's Indian-origin Prime Minister, has said that he experienced "racism" when he was a child and his parents sent him for extra drama lessons so that he could "speak properly" without an accent to "fit in". In 2022, Sunak scripted history when he was appointed by King Charles III as Britain's first Indian-origin Prime Minister after being elected unopposed as the new leader of the governing Conservative Party on Diwali.

The 43-year-old former Chancellor of the Exchequer, a devout Hindu, is the youngest British prime minister in 210 years. He is also the first Hindu Prime Minister of Indian heritage in the UK. Speaking to ITV News, Sunak shared how his parents were so determined he should fit in and speak without an accent that he was sent for extra drama lessons. 'You are conscious of being different,' he said.

'It's hard not to be, right, and obviously I experienced racism as a kid.' Sunak also recalled the pain of hearing slurs directed at his younger siblings, adding that racism 'stings' and 'hurts in a way that other things don't'. He felt what he experienced would not happen to his children now. Discussing his Indian heritage, Sunak said his parents were keen for him and his siblings 'a brother and sister' to 'fit in and not for it to be, in any way, shape or form, a barrier'. His mother, he added, was particularly conscious of how her children spoke. 'One of the things my mum was obsessed with was that we didn't speak with accents and we would speak properly,' he said. 'So she was keen for us to try to do some extra drama.' 'I think any form of racism is simply unacceptable,' he continued, adding that when he speaks to world leaders, 'most people look to the UK as an example of how to get this right'.

Sunak admitted that he never dreamed there might one day be an ethnic minority prime minister 'because you didn't have role models like that. [It] hadn't happened yet. *Agencies*

₹21.2 L CR Oil PSUs will invest in the coming fiscal starting April 1 in oil and gas exploration, refineries, among others

RBI action against Paytm Bank: What you need to know

Fintech says it is working with other banks in last two years, will continue to expand third-party bank partnerships and service will continue beyond Feb 29

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE Reserve Bank of India has suspended deposits, credit transactions and top ups in Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) after February 29th 2024. Prepaid instruments, wallets, FASTags, NCMC cards etc., will not be allowed after the deadline. RBI said the persistent non-compliances and continued material supervisory concerns warranted the action.

Will this affect your savings and wallets in the bank?
RBI directive has mentioned that it does not impact user deposits in their savings accounts, Wallets, FASTags and NCMC accounts, where they can continue to use the existing balances. Users cannot add money to your wallet after the deadline, however, there is no restriction on withdrawal of money from your existing balance even after Feb 29th. Users can close wallet or sub wallet accounts and transfer any residual balance in your PPBL wallet to another bank account as per existing process of the bank.

How to redeem FDs and change DBTs?
As per the RBI directive, users will not be able to book any new Fixed Deposits after Feb 29th. However, users can redeem existing FD any time, even after Feb 29th. They will continue to be operational and secure as they are maintained by IndusInd Bank Limited. If a user has linked their Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme (DBT) Paytm payments bank, money will not get credited in after Feb 29. They have to register your DBT with an alternate bank account.

> For every challenge, there is a solution, we are committed to serve our nation in full compliance. India will keep winning accolades in payment innovation, inclusion in financial services - with PaytmKaro as the biggest champion of it — Vijay Shekhar Sharma, founder Paytm

Will the Paytm payment app work?
Paytm and its services will continue to operate beyond 29th February, the company clarified. The fintech said it started working with other banks in the last two years and will continue to expand third-party bank partnerships. "Paytm works with various banks (not just with its associate Bank), on various payments products," the company said.

What about fund transfers?
RBI has barred fund transfers, irrespective of name and nature of services like AEPS, IMPS, etc., BBPOU and UPI after February 29, 2024. "We are evaluating various options that can be provided to our esteemed users, so that there is minimal impact to their ongoing financial transactions & operations and shall keep you updated on a regular basis," it said in a clarification.

Can you scan Paytm QR?
The Paytm Payment Gateway business will continue to offer payments to its existing merchants through online business, so there is no problem with that. Paytm's offline merchant payment network offerings like Paytm QR, Paytm Soundbox, Paytm Card Machine will continue as usual, where it can onboard new offline merchants as well.

What about your recurring payments in Paytm?
Users mobile recharges, subscriptions and otherrecurring payments will continue to operate even after the deadline.

What happens to National Automated Clearing House (NACH) payment mandates-set through PPBL for other merchants?
Recurring transactions happen through NACH. NACH mandate will get executed even after Feb 29 till there is balance available in the user's Paytm Payments Bank account. Users cannot make fresh deposits or add money to the Paytm Payments Bank Account or Wallet after Feb 29th. Users have to request you to move your NACH mandate to an alternate bank account.

What will happen to investments with Paytm?
There will not be a hindrance in your investments with Paytm Money. The company assured that the recent RBI directives on Paytm Payments bank won't affect Paytm Money Ltd's (PML) operations or customers' investments in Equity, Mutual Funds, or NPS. Paytm Money Limited is SEBI-regulated and fully compliant.

The regulator has ordered the termination of the nodal accounts of One97 Communications Ltd and Paytm Payments Services Limited before February 29, 2024. Paytm payment banks plan to move the nodal to other banks during this period.

MONEY MATTERS

UNDERSTANDING THE PAYTM SAGA FOR YOUR MONEY

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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IT was a flash crash. Over two days, One97 Communications, the company that owns Paytm, the largest payment service in India, saw a 36% slump in the price. That is not a new thing for those who are shareholders of the company. The company does not have 'regular' financial metrics for investors to read. Usually, a company that offers financial services is evaluated based onthe net interest margins it generates (the difference between the cost of funds and lending). In the case of Paytm, it has multiple sources of income. The company has yet to report a net profit but continues to witness investor interest. A large foreign institutional investor was seen picking up shares at the bottom last Friday amidst the carnage.

For those of you not into active equity investing, you may find that strange. People are still buying into a company that will likely turn a net profit in only two or three years. A lot of the investing in the company is based onthe hope of profitability in the future. The company's biggest share price driver is the growing number of people using Paytm for payment services and financial transactions. The company is an e-commerce enabler and facilitates loans if you are a merchant or just an ordinary user. The use of technology in enabling quick e-commerce financial transactions makes it a formidable organisation.

Investors are betting that with 100m active monthly users and growing each quarter, the company will achieve economies of scale sooner rather than later. The Reserve Bank of India's action is against Paytm Payment Bank, a sister concern of One97 Communications, parent of Paytm. RBI's restrictions are likely to push merchants and users to other banks. There will be a dent in the pace of growth at Paytm. Investors are still staying with the company because the company may turn in a profit a year later than expected. The fundamental message is that Paytm is here to stay.

What it means

If you usethe Paytm payment gateway, you have nothing to worry about. Your transactions are linked to your bank account and will continue beyond 29 February 2024. However, if you are using Paytm Payments Bank, you can only use the balance in your account. You cannot put any new money into it. RBI has restricted the bank from getting new customers, too. Media reports suggest findings that could take weeks or months to resolve. Non-compliance issues are related to the 'know your customer' or KYC process. There are also mentions in a section of analyst reports about possible corporate governance concerns flagged. In a release, the company said it would impact annual earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation, amortisation, or EBITDA of up to ₹500 crore. That has prompted most analysts to scale down future profit expectations of One97 Communications. Some fear more losses than estimated. The next few days could see more market action. Yet, investors are picking up the shares at the bottom. That is typically called 'bottom fishing' in the stock market vocabulary. A primary reason for that is the long-term confidence of investors in digital banking and the ecosystem surrounding the financial services sector. There is a structural growth story. A new working paper by the International Monetary Fund or IMF finds a direct correlation between the growth in Fintech businesses and economic growth in rich and middle-income economies. They boost overall lending in the economy and add to productivity.

You must talk to your financial advisor before jumping to buy Paytm shares. If you are already an investor, you must assess your risk appetite and decide the future course of action. Ask yourself questions about your tolerance level to stock market losses. If you invest through mutual funds, your fund manager will determine an appropriate action for your scheme that owns these shares. If you are new to investing, you must steer clear of direct investing in shares. Share prices are determined based on relative views. An attractive proposition for someone experienced may not be right for you.

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WHERE EQUITY LINKED SAVINGS SCHEME SCORES

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IN my last column, we had commenced with a discussion on the category of Equity Linked Saving Scheme (ELSS). Let us now proceed to turn the spotlight on a few randomly selected funds from the segment.These include DSP ELSS Tax Saver Fund, ICICI Prudential ELSS Tax Saver, HSBC ELSS Tax Saver Fund, Franklin India ELSS Tax Saver Fund, and Kotak ELSS Tax Saver.

DSP ELSS Tax Saver Fund has an AUM of ₹13,583 Crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 73 percent in Large cap, 26 percent in Midcap and 1 percent in Small cap. Its top equity holdings are in the Banks, Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology and IT Software sectors. The performance of this fund over the 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time periods are 28.55 percent, 20.94 percent and 19.38 percent respectively. ICICI Prudential ELSS Tax Saver has an AUM of Rs. 12,395 Crore.The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 76 percent in Large cap, 19 percent in Midcap and 5 percent in Small cap. Its top equity holdings are in the Auto Mobiles, Banks and Beverages sectors. The performance of this fund over the 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time periods are 22.99 percent, 17.66 percent and 15.86 percent respectively.

HSBC ELSS Tax Saver Fund has an AUM of Rs. 3,557Crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 73 percent in Large cap, 23 percent in Midcap and 4 percent in Small cap. Its top equity holdings are in the Banks, IT Software and Finance Software sectors. The performance of this fund over the 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time periods are 32.11 percent, 22.11 percent and 17.23 percent respectively.

Kotak ELSS Tax Saver has an AUM of ₹4,691 Crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 75 percent in Large cap, 21 percent in Midcap and 4 percent in Small cap. Its top equity holdings are in the Banks, Construction and Auto Mobiles sectors. The performance of this fund over the 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 22.18 percent, 19.47 percent and 17.77 percent respectively.

While past records do not in any way guarantee future performance, the discernible trend hitherto is that ELSS has comfortably out-performed its alternatives in the tax-saving space over the last half decade. To select the right ELSS that matches an investors specific requirement though, is best left to an expert.

₹1.07L cr investment made under production-linked incentive scheme: Govt

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A total of ₹1.07 lakh crore investments have been made under the government's production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme till December 2023, the department of promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) said on Sunday.

This has resulted in production/sales worth ₹8.70 lakh crore and direct and indirect employment generation of about 7 lakh, it said.

In a statement issued by DPIIT, which falls under the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, said exports of goods produced under PLI have exceeded ₹3.40 lakh crore, with substantial contribution from key sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals & food processing. Incentive amount of about ₹4,415 crore disbursed under PLI scheme for 8 sectors. Recently, in the Union Budget, the government has increased the allocation for PLI to ₹6,200 crore in FY25 from ₹4,645 crore in the current financial year. While delivering a keynote address at the 'PLI Perspectives: A Stakeholder Meeting' on Saturday, Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal urged the industry champions to intensify their focus on enhancing competitiveness within their respective sectors, fostering a business environment that stimulates innovation, efficiency, and adaptability.

He also emphasised on the importance of the industry's concentration on prioritizing production of high-quality goods which is aligned with the broader objective of the PLI Scheme, ensuring that the benefits extend to both businesses and consumers.

HUDCO may enter pvt sector housing finance

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-run Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) is likely to consider financing real estate companies in the private regime beginning next year, said Sanjay Kulshrestha, Chairman of HUDCO on Saturday.

Currently, it doesn't undertake, as per its prevailing mandate, corporate financing in the private sector for the real estate and housing sector, and its activities are largely confined to the Government and Government-owned utilities. Addressing a NAREDCO conference in New Delhi, he said the housing and real estate sector, including infrastructure, are accorded special preferences and treatment in the budget, particularly in 2023-24. This could be one of the reasons that the corporation might undertake financing real estate activities. He indicated that the housing development corporation would make necessary consultations with the authorities concerned so that it becomes feasible for the corporation to be permitted to go in for private sector financing.

After budget boost, focus shifts to third quarter earnings, global cues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market clocked a gain in the Budget week with benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty snapping two week of losing streak.

According to market experts, sentiments were boosted after the government decided to strict to fiscal prudence over populous measures with large focus on capital expenditure to promote economic growth.

While the equity market was quiet on the budget day, the following day (Friday) Sensex and Nifty rose sharply with the latter peaking to an all-time high at 22126.80. For the full week, the two benchmarks gained about 1-1.50% each.

"The major focus of the budget was on capex and consolidation theme. The major sectors which will benefit from the budget in the long term are infra, aviation, railways, metros, power, capital goods, agriculture, housing and technology to stay supported by government spends. Govt is also promoting tourism by providing long term interest free loans to promote iconic tourist centres," said Arvinder Singh Nanda, Senior Vice President, of Master Capital Services.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Budget on February 1 wherein she announced a sharp cut in Fiscal deficit to 5.1% for FY25 and 5.8% from 5.9% for FY24. The govt also decided to keep capex growth steady and grow capex by 11.1% to Rs 11.11 lakh crore for FY25. The budget made no change in direct, or indirect taxation.

Sanjay Moorjani, Research Analyst at SAMCO Securities, said that the Finance Minister announced that the Centre is close to achieving its target of 3 crore houses in rural areas despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Additionally, the government has set a new target to build 2 crore more houses in the next five years under the Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (PMAY Grameen). Moorjani said the significant announcement is poised to impact stocks in the steel, cement and power sectors positively, especially with the augmented budget allocation.

Sonal Varma, MD, Chief Economist - India and Asia ex-Japan, Nomura said the budget delivered a positive surprise. She added that while the budget speech talked a lot about the key voter constituents, it has chosen to prioritise fiscal consolidation. "This bodes well for macro stability and will be seen as positive by the RBI as well...Much better than expected fiscal deficit targets.," Varma said.

Tata Steel mulls addl 130 mn pounds package

PTI @ New Delhi

TATA Steel has proposed an additional financial 'support package' of around 130 million pounds for the workers who would be affected as part of its transition plan in the UK, the company's CFO Koushik Chatterjee said.

To reduce carbon emissions and save energy costs, the company drafted a decarbonisation plan for Tata Steel UK which includes installing new plant machinery with low-emission technologies. The company would close both the high-emission blast furnaces and coke ovens in a phased manner in 2024 and shift to an (electric arc furnace) EAF-based steel making at a cost of about 1.25 billion pounds, with 500 million pounds support from the UK government, Chatterjee said in an earnings call. "Tata Steel is aware of impact of its proposal to wind down the heavy end of Port Talbot on individuals and on the local community associated with steel works, and we will consult with our employees and work to provide them a fair, and considerate outcome," he said.

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THE INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES CHENNAI

(Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)

February 2, 2024

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KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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Email: contact@kspcb.gov.in Website : https//kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

No PCB 198 Infra EPH 2023/5622 **Dated:03.02.2024**

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board has proposed to develop the Vemagal 2nd Phase Industrial Area, over an extent of 185.3 Hectare (457.9 Acres), at Harjenahalli, Gudigondanahalli, Malliyappanahalli, Kurugal Villages, Vemagal Hobli, Kolar Taluk and District, Karnataka. The project requires obtaining Environmental Clearance as per EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 and it is required to conduct Environmental Public Consultation Process as part of it. Accordingly, the project proponent has obtained Terms of Reference (ToR) issued by SEIAA, GoK, vide letter No. SEIAA 20 IND 2023, Proposal No. SIA/KA/INFRA/421149/2023 dated 19.04.2023. Accordingly, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board, on 06.03.2024, as per Project Proponent request letter No. KIADB/EE/KIADB-Vemgal 2nd Phase/1324/2023-24, dated 24.11.2023 and as per approval given by the Deputy Commissioner Kolar District.

The Details of the Environmental Public Consultation are as given below:

1.	**Name of the Company & Address: The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board, No14/3, 2nd Floor, C.F.C Building, Maharshi Aravinda Bhavana, Nrupatunga Road, Bengaluru 560 001.**
2.	**Proposed location of the project:** Harjenahalli, Gudigondanahalli, Malliyappanahalli, Kurugal Villages, Vemagal Hobli, Kolar Taluk and District, Karnataka
3.	**Details of activity.:** Formation of industrial area consisting of Plots to establish industries
4.	**Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Consultation :06th March 2024 Wednesday at 02.30 PM** at the Project Location Vemagal 2nd Phase Industrial Area, Harjenahalli, Gudigondanahalli, Malliyappanahalli, Kurugal Villages, Vemagal Hobli, Kolar Taluk and District, Karnataka.
5.	**Capital Investment:** Rs.48.82 Cr.
6.	**Places of project documents kept for public perusal:** a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar. b) Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Kolar. c) District Industries Centre, Kolar. d) Taluk Panchayath Office, Kolar. e) Vemagal-Kurugal Town Panchayath Office, Kurugal, Kolar Taluk. f) Officer of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Plot No.14B, KIADB Industrial Area, Bethamangala Road, Tamaka, Kolar – 563 101. g) Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. h) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site who are likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited, within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/ E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website:**kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.89,09,096/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakh Nine Thousand and Ninety Six only)** as on **01-02-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **02-02-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mrs. Seethamma, W/o. Late Narayana N. (In the personal capacity and also in the capacity of legal heir of Late Narayana N.) No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.2) Mr. N. Ravikumar, S/o. Late Narayana .N (In the personal capacity and also in the capacity of legal heir of Late Narayana .N), No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.3) Mrs. Shanthi .S, W/o. Late Manjunatha .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Manjunatha .N), No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.4) Mrs. Radha, D/o. Late Narayana .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Narayana .N), No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.5) Minor Dhanush .M, S/o. Late Manjunatha .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Manjunatha .N) Represented by his Mother and Natural Guardian Mrs. Shanthi .S, No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.6) Minor Akshya M., D/o. Late Manjunatha .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Manjunatha .N) Represented by his Mother and Natural Guardian Mrs. Shanthi .S, No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore -560037.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Seethamma and Late Narayana .N, Represented by legal Heirs Seethamma, Ravikumar .N, Radha and late Manjunatha .N, represented by Legal Heirs Shanthi .S, Dhanush .M (minor) and Akshaya .M (minor) represented by Mother and Natural Guardian Shanthi .S)

All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing No.457 out of Sy.No.100, BBMP Ward No.86, Aswath Nagar, BBMP Khatha No.882, Site No.457, Sy.No.100, Munnekolalu Village, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar Marathahali, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 21 feet, North to South 41 feet. Boundaries:- East by - Property belonging to Muniyanama, West by - Property belonging to Rathnamma. North by - Road, South by - Property belonging to Kaveramma. Registered as Document No.9765 at SRO, K.R. Pura, Bangalore. (In this Site Area of 861 Sq.ft., building with Plinth Area of Ground Floor - 540 Sq.ft., 1st Floor - 599 Sq.ft., 2nd Floor - 599 Sq.ft., 3rd Floor - 599 Sq.ft., 4th Floor - 599 Sq.ft. & 5th Floor - 599 Sq.ft., Building exist).

Reserve Price : Rs.1,15,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
23-02-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch,** 324, 3rd A - Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru Rural - 560106. Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A - Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru Rural - 560106. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 03-02-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

Request for proposals are invited through e-procurement platform for procurement and supply of Biology lab equipments to 307 PM SHRI schools in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
RFP downloading starts from : 06.02.2024 @ 03.00 PM.
Last date for receipt of RFP : 26.02.2024 @ 03.00 PM.
Note: Further details can be viewed at **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or contact : **7989799189**

Sd/- For State Project Director

DIPR No.2662PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.02/02/2024

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

KMML (A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking), Sankaramangalam, Kollam 691 583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217, E-mail: md@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2024_KMML_652509_1	AMC for Rubber Lining Jobs in TP Unit 2024-2026

Chavara 03.02.2024 Sd/-Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

Request for proposals are invited through e-procurement platform for procurement and supply of Chemistry lab equipments to 323 PM SHRI schools in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
RFP downloading starts from : 06.02.2024 @ 03.00 PM.
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Sd/- For State Project Director

DIPR No.2664PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.02/02/2024

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

Request for proposals are invited through e-procurement platform for procurement and supply of Science lab equipments to 339 PM SHRI schools in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
RFP downloading starts from : 06.02.2024 @ 03.00 PM.
Last date for receipt of RFP : 26.02.2024 @ 03.00 PM.
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Sd/- For State Project Director

DIPR No.2665PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.02/02/2024

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SE(E)/Tr(W&M)C/AEE(Civil)/23-24/CYS-92 Dated : 02.02.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP Mode Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bid against this enquiry No. **SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/DVG/23-24/CYS-92 Dated 02.02.2024** for the works coming in the Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere. The detailed notification regarding the works called through KPPP mode can be obtained from the **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **07.02.2024** at **11.00 Hrs** onwards.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.)
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Opp. District Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere

Registered Office:-6th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, SenapatiBapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013
Retail Asset Collection Department: - DCB Bank Ltd, #650/12, 2ND Cross, 2nd Main, 2nd Stage ,'D' Block, Bee Em Avenue , Dr Rajkumar Road, Gayathri Nagar , 2nd Stage Rajajinagar , Bengaluru, Karnataka -560010

DCB BANK

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

You the below mentioned borrower(s), co-borrower(s) have availed loan/s facility(ies) from DCB Bank Limited by mortgaging your immovable properties (securities). Consequent to your defaults your loans were classified as non-performing assets. DCB Bank Limited For the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued demand notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Asset And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per Section 13(2) of the Act read with rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of service upon you. Details of the borrowers, co-borrowers, properties mortgaged, outstanding dues, demand notice sent under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

Name and address of the borrower, co-borrower/ guarantor, loan account no.,loan amount	Secured property address	1.Demand notice date 2.Outstanding dues
Mr Mukunda T Mrs. ANITHA B **Resident At-**No 25 8Th Main 12Th Cross T C Palya Hoysalanagar, Banglore Karnataka, PIN Code -560016 **Loan Account Number: DRHLBLR00457671** **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs: 30,39,002/-	Northern Portion & Southern Portion All the piece and parcel of property bearing Northern Portion Site No.11 Measuring East to West 7 ft, and North to South 19 Ft , in all measuring 133 Sq.Ft Southern Portion of Site No.11 , Formed in out of Property No. 473,474,475, and 476 khata No.71, Present Khata No.4815 , measuring East To West 32 Ft and North To South 21 Ft, in all measuring 672 Sq.feet , total two portion of measurement 805 Sq.Ft situated at kalkere Village, KrishnarajapuraHobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk now Bangalore East Taluk comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore , Along with the schedule property consisting of 650 Sq.feet East By:Property Belongs to Mr.Nagaraj,West By:Property Belongs to R.Krishnappa House,North By:15 Feet Road,South By: Property belongs to Mr.KKrishnappa Northern Portion All the piece and parcel of property bearing Northern Portion Site No.11 Formed in out of the property no.473,474 and 476 House list Khata No.71, Present Khata No.1107, measuring East to West 25 Ft, And North To South 19 Ft, all in measuring 475 sq.ft , situated at kalkere village , KrishnarajapuraHobli , erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk , comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore, along with the schedule property consisting of 650 Sq.Ft RCC House Roofed House and Bounded on:-East By : 7 Feet Comman Passage,West By:Property belongs to R.Krishnappa House,North By:15 Feet Road,South By:: Remaining portion of same site no.11, belongs to Late K M Komalamma& Children's	**1. 08/12/2023** **2. Rs: 31,95,638/-** **As on 11-11-2023**
Mr Ramesha K S Mrs. RATHNAMMA S **Resident At-**C/o Sankarappa # 31 Honnaganahatty Karikallamma Road Magadi Road Tavarekere, Bangalore Karnataka, PIN Code -562130 **Loan Account Number: DRHLBLR00472710** **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs: 19,03,860/-	All that piece and parcel of the western Portion of Property bearing No.31, Gramadakhata No. 24/4 Sl.No.225, Khata No. 662, Measuring East to West 15 Ft and North to South 40 Ft in all measuring 600 Sq.Ft situated at Channenahalli Village , TavarekereHobli , Bangalore South Taluk , and bounded on:-East By : Remaining Same Property ,West By : Private Property ,North By : Property No 20,South By : 25 Feet Road	**1. 11-01-2024** **2. Rs: 21,99,330/-** **As on 12-12-2023**
Mr Suhail Baig Mrs. JABEEN TAJ **Resident At-**No 50 Ground Floor Kanaka Nagar 6Th Cross Kanaka Nagar Bangalore, Banglore Karnataka, PIN Code -560032 **Loan Account Number: DRHLRJN00555391** **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs: 35,00,000/-	In Kempatti Village of SenkanikottaiTaluk ,krishnagiri District , attached to the registration District of Krishnagiri and Sub-Registration District of Kelamanagalam and also attached to the village Panchayath limits of kempatti and Union Council of Thally. Sy.No.731, Dry.Ext.Hec.1.54.0, Asst Rs:0.94np, is now further sub divided as 1. Sy.No.731/1, Dry.Ext.Hec 0.95.5(or) Ac.2.36 Cents , Asst Rs.0.59np 2. Sy.No.732/3, Dry Ext.Hec 0.58.5(or) Ac.1.44 Cents ,Asst Rs.035np The above said two survey numbers making an extent of Ac.3.80 Cents of Land has been Divided into an approved layout in the name and style of "ASHIRVAD AMBARA "-Phase 3 comprising various house sites duly approved by the Deputy Director of Town and Country Planning authorities, vide approval No.16/2008 in which Plot No.7 measuring an extent of 1500 Sq.Feet of Land Bounded as Follows:-East By : Plot No.4,West By : Road,North By : Plot No.6,South By: Road within these boundaries measuring:-East To West on North Side : 50 Feet,East To West on South Side : 50 Feet,North To South on East Side: 30 Feet,North to South on West Side :30 Feet Totally measuring an extent of 1500 sqft (or) 139.35 Sq.Mtr of Land including common rights of ll layout Roads	**1. 12/12/2023** **2. Rs: 23,15,543/-** **As on 11-11-2023**
Mr Thimmaraju T Mrs. PRAMILA N **Resident At-**No 02 OppAnupama School Andrahalli Main Road Andrahalli, Banglore Karnataka, PIN Code -560091 **Loan Account Number: DRHLBLR00442148** **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs: 31,57,642/-	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing southern portion of site no.02, Khata no.680, Assessment No.52/3A, situated at Karibobhanahalli Villagae, YeshwanthpurHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently within limits of BBMP ward No.40 measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 20Ft in all measuring 600 Sqft and Bounded on:East By : Private Property,West By : Road,North By : Remaining Northern Portion of same property no.02,South By : Site No.03	**1. 06-01-2024** **2. Rs: 36,21,195/-** **As on 06-01-2024**
Mr Vasanthkiran V Mrs. UMME SALMA **Resident At-**No 141, 10Th Cross, F Street Vinobha Nagar, K G Halli Bangalore, Banglore Karnataka, PIN Code -560045 **Loan Account Number: DRHLELE00498032** **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs: 23,45,851/-	All that piece and parcel of property bearing southern portion of property no.132, Door No.2256 situated ta 11th cross, Vinobhanagar in Kacharkanahalli Village, KasabaHobli Bangalore North Taluk , Bangalore new assigned as S.No.132 , 11th Cross Vinobhanagar, BBMP Ward No.30 of Kadugondanahalli Bangalore and Bounded as :East By: A K Colony,West By : Road,North By : Remaining Portion of Same Property,South By : Private Property	**1. 08-01-2024** **2. Rs: 25,48,195/-** **As on 08-01-2024**
Mr Manikanta V Mr. Praneshkanta V, Mrs. MAHADEVAMMA V **Resident At-**No 306 1 St Main K R Gardan Murgeshpalya Banglore, Karnataka PIN Code -560017 **Loan Account Number: DRHLBLR00427907** **Loan Sanctioned Rs: 11,73,365/-**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Apartment bearing No. G-001 situated on the Ground Floor along with the super built up area of 400 Sq.Feet and undivided share of 120 Sqft for constructed on the property bearing HASB Khata No.844/306, Khata No.12 measuring East to West on Northern side 31 Ft on the southern side 27 Feet North to South 60Ft along with the private common passage on eastern side measuring East to West 3ft and North tp South 60 feet in all measuring 1920 Sq.ft situated at K.R.Garden , MurugeshapalyaVarthuHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk presently within the limits BBMP and Bounded on:East By:Property of Vijaya Chandra,West By:Lakshmi narayanappas Property and Road,North By : Property of Siddaraju, South By : Property of Sathyaendranath	**1. 08-01-2024** **2. Rs: 12,65,301/-** **As on 08-01-2024**
Mr D N Nagesh Mrs.PRAMEELA D N **Resident At-**No 56/2 SrinidhiNivasMuniswamappa Garden Chunchughatta Main Road Konanakunte Bangalore, Karnataka PIN Code -560062 **Loan Account Number: DRBLBLR00460370 DRBLBLR00515092** **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs: 99,38,228/- Rs: 15,05,843/-	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing house List No. 38, Khata No.56/2 Situated At Chunchaghatta Village UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East To West 40 Feet And North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 1600 Sq.feet and bounded on:East By : Private Property ,West By : Property No.39,North By: Property No.47,South By: Road	**1. 08-01-2024** **2. Rs: 1,03,21,827/-** **Rs: 8,68,597/-** **As on 08-01-2024**
Mr M Sekar Mrs. S JAYALAKSHMI **Resident At-**No 13 Ground Floor 1St House, 9Th Cross Jc NagaraKurubaraHalli Bangalore, Karnataka PIN Code -560086 **Loan Account Number: DRHLBLR00486345** **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs: 40,43,326/-	All that piece and parcel of property bearing site no.76/A, Old assessment no. 231, presently in 85/5, BBMP ward No. 69, Laggere Village ,YeshwanthpurHobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West and North to South 40 Feet and Bounded on:-East By : Site No.76,West By : Private Property ,North By : Site No.75,South By : 30 Feet Road	**1. 08-01-2024** **2. Rs: 44,51,300/-** **As on 08-01-2024**

You the borrower/s and co-borrowers/guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned hereinabove in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the act to enforce the above-mentioned securities. **Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act by virtue of which you are at liberty to redeem the secured asset** within period stipulated in the aforesaid provision. Please note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained from transferring the above-referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent.

DATE:-05-02-2024
PLACE:Bangalore

for DCB Bank Ltd,
Authorized Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to General Public that, my client Sri B.N. Mahendra S/o B.T. Nagaraja Reddy is purchasing the under mentioned schedule property from one Sri. Dharmaprakash .J.K S/o M.K. Jaganath. The General Public are hereby requested, anybody having any objection, they can approach the under mentioned advocate with relevant documents in respect of Schedule Property within 5 days. If fails to receive any objection within 5 days, my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.47/2, Kannesumari No. 47/1, (Old Katha No. 258/259), Katha No. 259/210/47, Katha Sl. No. 150200201600900267, measuring East to West 30.45 meters North to South 67.65 meters, situated at Madanayakanahalli, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by : Land in Sy.No. 47/1, West by: Land in Sy.No.47/3, North by: Land of Commercial Unit, and South by: NH.No.4.

Address:- **V.V. Viswanatha Reddy**
Shop No.2, 2nd Floor, Adj. to Ganesha Temple, Above Mannapuram Gold Loan, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068. Mob. 9845100147

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, My client/s are intending to purchase the property bearing Sy.No.114 (New No.114/P12 measuring 01 Acre 10 Guntas of Gokare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and herein after referred to as the "Schedule Property" from the (1) Mr. Muniraju S/o Late. Ramaiah (2) Smt. Sunandamma W/o Venkatesh (3) Smt. Manjula W/o Manjunath (4) Mr. Jagannath S/o Muniraju and (5) Mr. Munikrishna S/o Muniraju.

As such, any person/s having any right, claim or interest over the Schedule property may lodge their claims/objections in writing along with documentary evidence to the undersigned to his office address within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which such claim or claims if any, shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client/s shall proceed to enter in an Agreement of sale without reference to such claim/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Residential Converted land bearing SyNo.114 (New No. 114/P12) measuring 01 Acres 10 Guntas (5058.57 Sq Meters) by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, vide order bearing No. LND/SR/311/1996-97 dtd 03/05/1997, Yaliyuru Grama Panchayat Katha No.209/114/197, Property No. 150300200101 4220911 of Gokare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk bounded on

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IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.MIS. No. 17/2024

PETITIONERS: Smt. Akkaiyamma and ors. -V/s-
RESPONDENT: The Tahsidhar, Chief Registrar of Birth and death, Nelamangala Taluk.

NOTICE

The petitioners have filed petition in C.MIS. No. 17/2024 under section 13(3) of the registration of Birth and Death act 1969 seeking orders directing the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioners grand father late Buddahanumaiah S/o. late Siddappa died on 23-5-1946 at Mandigere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. The Hon'ble court has fixed the date on **01-03-2024** for hearing of the petition and that if any person's desire to oppose the said petition to claim interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader or otherwise the petition will be heard and disposed off considering no objection from any person/s.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 31-01-2024.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Swamy. N.K.**
Post office Road, Nelamangala Town.

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.MIS. No. 12/2024

PETITIONERS: Smt. Akkaiyamma and ors. -V/s-
RESPONDENT: The Tahsidhar, Chief Registrar of Birth and death, Nelamangala Taluk.

NOTICE

The petitioners have filed petition in C.MIS. No. 12/2024 under section 13(3) of the registration of Birth and Death act 1969 seeking orders directing the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner's grand Mother late Kempakka W/o late Buddahanumaiah died on 29-4-1949 at Mandigere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. The Hon'ble court has fixed the date on **01-03-2024** for hearing of the petition and that if any person's desire to oppose the said petition to claim interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader or otherwise the petition will be heard and disposed off considering no objection from any person/s.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 31-01-2024.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Swamy. N.K.**
Post office Road, Nelamangala Town.

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.MIS. No. 14/2024

PETITIONERS: Smt. Akkaiyamma and ors. -V/s-
RESPONDENT: The Tahsidhar, Chief Registrar of Birth and death, Nelamangala Taluk.

NOTICE

The petitioners have filed petition in C.MIS. No. 14/2024 under section 13(3) of the registration of Birth and Death act 1969 seeking orders directing the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner's Mother late Muniyamma W/o late Gangahanumaiah died on 10-6-1985 at Mandigere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. The Hon'ble court has fixed the date on **01-03-2024** for hearing of the petition and that if any person's desire to oppose the said petition to claim interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader or otherwise the petition will be heard and disposed off considering no objection from any person/s.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 31-01-2024.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Swamy. N.K.**
Post office Road, Nelamangala Town.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, U. R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, HAL AIRPORT ROAD, VIMANAPURA POST, BENGALURU - 560 017. Phone: 080 2508-4156/4318/4185

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Brief Tender Notice

1. On behalf of the President of India, item- rate tender is invited for the following works:

Name of work	Replacement of existing HPMV High Bay Light Fittings with LED High Bay Light Fittings at AITF-2 Building at ISITE Campus, Marathahalli, Bengaluru.	Replacement of old damaged incoming cables for Feeder Pillar, LT Panel and allied electrical works at CISF Quarters, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru
E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/E/C/12/2023-24 Dt. 31/01/2024	URSC/C&MG/E/M/12/2023-24 Dt. 31/01/2024
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 84.85 Lakhs	₹ 20.08 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	E-Tender	E-Tender
Period of completion in months	Six (06) Months	Five (05) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From: 18:10 Hrs on 05/02/2024 To: 23:59 Hrs on 19/02/2024	From: 18:10 Hrs on 01/02/2024 To: 23:59 Hrs on 12/02/2024
Bid clarification	From: 19:00 Hrs on 05/02/2024 To:14:30 Hrs on 20/02/2024	From: 19:00 Hrs on 01/02/2024 To:14:30 Hrs on 13/02/2024
Last date of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto: 18:00 Hrs on 22/02/2024	Upto: 18:00 Hrs on 14/02/2024
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto: 14:00 Hrs on 23/02/2024	Upto: 14:00 Hrs on 16/02/2024
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	14:30 Hrs on 23/02/2024	14:30 Hrs on 16/02/2024
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 1,69,700/-**	**₹ 40,160/-**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

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THE BHAVASARA KSHATRIYACO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053, Phone: 080-22972781/82

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited Bangalore had taken possession of the house properties described hereunder mortgaged to the Bank by way of security for repayment of immovable Property Loan availed by the respective borrowers mentioned here below, Notice of Auction of the secured assets is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the public in general, under Rules 8 & 9 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Details of the borrower, property, reserve price, etc, are as below

Sl No.	Borrower/s Name Branch Name	Property Address	Reserve Price & Amount Due to Bank	Public Auction Date, Time & Place
	HEAD OFFICE BRANCH			
1	1.Smt.Punithavathi 2.Sri.Luther Armstrong G 3.Sri.Chirsty J 4.Sri.Satish G All residing at No.11/1, Old No. 11,15th cross, Davis Road,Sagayapuram St.Thomas Town Bengaluru-560 084.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.11/1, Old No.11, situated at 15th cross, Sagayapuram, Bangalore, presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.60 of Sagayapuram with PID No.90-24-11/1, within the area of measuring: East to West :11.6 feet, North to South : 36.9 feet Bounded on the East by : Private property, West by : Common Passage, North by : Road, South by:Property of Sri. Jnanodyam G	Reserve Price ₹ 35,54,000-00 Amount Due as on 27.02.2024 is ₹ 18,77,875.00	27.02.2024 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable Property bearing No. 11/1, Old No.11, situated at 15th cross, Sagayapuram, Bangalore
2	Smt.Premaleela Sri.S.Shivaprasad Sri.S.Shivakumar Sri.S.Shivamurthy No.5, 20th Main, 1st Cross, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040.	SCHEDULE - 1 All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.40/G, Old No.4 (earlier bearing Old Survey No.175, later Re-Sy No.398), 1st Main Road, Marenahalli, Kempapura Agrahara Dakhale, Bangalore, presently coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.35 With PID No.35-8-40/G, within the area of measuring: East to West: 30 feet North to South : 45 feet, Bounded on the: East by : Site No.5, West by : Site No.3, North by :Siddappa's land, South by : Road. SCHEDULE – 2 All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.52/41, Old No.3 (earlier bearing Old Survey No.175, later Re-Sy No.398), 1st Main Road, Marenahalli, Kempapura Agrahara Dakhale, Bangalore, presently coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.35 With PID No.35-8-52/41, within the area of measuring: East to West: 30 feet North to South : 45 feet, Bounded on the: East by : Site No.4, West by : Site No.2, North by:Siddappa's land, South by : Road.	Reserve Price ₹ 1,76,46,000-00 and ₹ 1,78,67,000-00 Amount Due as on 05.03.2024 is ₹ 1,42,33,745.00	05.03.2024 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable property bearing No.52/41, Old No.3 (earlier bearing Old Survey No.175, later Re-Sy No.398), 1st Main Road, Marenahalli, Kempapura Agrahara Dakhale, Bangalore.
3	Sri.Murali Krishna K No.130, 3rd Cross, Viveknagar, Further Ext., (Sonnenhalli Further Extn.) Viveknagar, Bengalauru-560 047	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.130, situated at Sonnenahalli further Extension, Bangalore, PID No.71-1-130, within the area of measuring:East to West: 12.20 mtrs, North to South : 7.60 mtrs. Totally measuring 92.72 sq mtrs, together with ground, 1st and 2nd floor building standing thereon. Bounded on the: East by:Property No.125, West by:Road, North by: Property No.131, South by : Property No.129 SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY All the piece & parcel of the front portion in the 1st floor building measuring 350 sq ft & entire 2nd floor building Measuring 700 sq ft. constructed on the Schedule-A Property together with proportionate undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule-A property, along with right to use passage, staircase, entrance, terrace, water lines, sump & sewerage lines commonly.	Reserve Price ₹ 44,27,000-00 Amount Due as on 17.02.2024 is ₹ 35,30,003.00	17.02.2024 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable property bearing No. 130, situated at Sonnenahalli further Extension, Bangalore.
	CANTONMENT BRANCH			
1	Sri.Rama Reddy S/o Mariyappa No.23, Jogi Colony, Madivala, Adugodi, Bengaluru 560 030.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property No. 24, situated at Jogi Colony, Hosur Road, Tavakere Slum,Bangalore 560029,presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Old Ward No.66, New Ward No. 152 of Madivala with PID No.66-209-024, Measuring: East to West: 14 feet North to South : 27 feet, Bounded on the: East by: Plot No.23, West by: Plot No.25, North by:Plot No.09, South by:St.John's Road.	Reserve Price ₹ 38,02,000-00 Amount Due as on 23.02.2024 is ₹ 23,71,271.00	23.02.2024 at 11.30 am at premises immovable property No.24, situated at Jogi Colony, Hosur Road, Tavakere Slum, Bangalore 560029
2	Sri. S.M.Velu, Sri.V.Arunkumar, No.65, Old No.69, Dharmaraja Temple Street, Bengaluru-560 001.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.65, Old No.69, Dharmaraja Koil Street, (Dharmaraja Temple Street), Bengaluru, PID No. 79-8-65, within the area of measuring: On the East : 21 ½ feet, On the West : 21 ½ feet, On the North : 32 ½ feet, On the South: 32 ½ feet, Bounded on the: East by : Lane & Subba Setty's house, West by : Meenakshiamma's house, North by : Chinnaswamy Naidu's house, South by : Thangavelu Achary's house.	Reserve Price ₹ 79,30,000-00 Amount Due as on 20.02.2024 is ₹ 18,41,957.00	20.02.2024 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable property bearing No. 65, Old No.69, Dharmaraja Koil Street (Dharmaraja Temple Street), Bengaluru, PID No.79-8-65,
	BASAVANAGUDI BRANCH			
1	Sri.Kiran Kowshik K S Smt.Vidyavathi G Both residing at No.40/4, Raghavendra Colony, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.40/4, Old No.40/3, situated at Raghavendra Colony, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018, presently coming under the jurisdiction of ward No.46 with PID No.46-23-40/4 within the area of Measuring:East to West: 24.06 feet, North to South: 20 feet, Bounded on the: East by : Others property, West by: Smt.Varadamma's property, North by : Sri.Kuppaswamy Reddy's property and, South by : Road.	Reserve Price ₹ 43,08,124.00 Amount Due as on 21.02.2024 is ₹ 29,48,514.00	21.02.2024 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable property bearing No.40/4, Old No.40/3, Raghavendra Colony, Chamarajpet, Bangalore 560 018.
2	Smt.Bhagya Sri.Puttaswamy K No.44/A, 1st cross, 1st Main, B Block, Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalore 560 050.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.15, situated at Vinayakanagar Slum, BSK 3rd stage, PID No.54-368-15, Bangalore, consisting of building with the area of measuring: East to West: 6.10 meters North to South : 6.70 + 4.72 meters / 2 Bounded on the: East by:Conservancy, West by: Site No.16, North by :Road South by : Road	Reserve Price ₹ 54,17,000.00 Amount Due as on 28.02.2024 is ₹ 5,12,249.00	28.02.2024 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable property bearing No. 15, situated at Vinayakanagar Slum, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore.

Place of Auction: At the places mentioned in column no. 5
Date of Auction: As per details in column No.5 above and 'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION'
Terms and Conditions:

1. To participate in the Auction, the intending bidders have to deposit a sum of Rs.25000-00 by way of DD as EMD favoring The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bengalore payable at Bangelore on the date of Auction before 10.30am.
2. The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount immediately on the same day and the balance of 75% within 15 days in single installment by way of DD as stated above. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount.
3. All other liabilities charges and expenses like legal charges, stamp duty, registration fee/cost etc. shall be borne by the purchaser only.
4. On receipt of the entire bid amount and on confirmation of sale the undersinged shall issue a Certificate of Sale in favor of the purchaser in the form given in the aforesaid Act.
5. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders would be returned without interest immediately on conclusion of the Auction.
6. The Undesigned shall have powers to include or exclude or accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms.
7. For inspection of the property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Head Office during office hours between 10.00 AM and 5.00PM.
8. For further details contact The Assistant Manager of the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 31.01.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

PSG tightlipped over Mbappe switch to Real

With just five months remaining on his contract at Paris Saint-Germain, on Saturday both ESPN and the 'Parisien' daily newspaper reported, without naming their source, that Kylian Mbappe would leave France and join Real Madrid. A source at the French club told AFP on Sunday, however, there had been no change in the longstanding deadlock.

India's No. 3 scores a splendid 104 to put the hosts in command on day three of the second Test against England

SUN SHINES ON SHUBMAN

Shubman Gill (R) registered his first 50-plus score after 13 innings | PTI

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Visakhapatnam

THE clock on the electronic scoreboard was ticking down. 8...7...6...5... you could have even argued that Shubman Gill had five seconds to save his Test career, at least in the short-term. He was in the middle of a consultation with Shreyas Iyer. England and Tom Hartley were celebrating after what looked like a simple leg-before decision for the umpire.

Gill didn't want to send it upstairs but after some cajoling from Sheyas' end (it perhaps took one struggling batter to identify another struggling batter), India's No. 3 put his short-term future in the hands of DRS. The technology showed a minor spike as the ball passed the outside edge; England weren't too convinced but the crowd roared in delight. Gill couldn't believe what he had just seen but managed a feeble smile of relief.

In the next over, the clock ticked down again. This time, it was James Anderson's turn to hit his pads with a ball that moved in after pitching. Umpire's call. Anderson was finding plenty of movement and had already accounted for Rohit Sharma (bowled) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (caught in the cordon). Under the helmet, an anxious-looking Gill survived again. But he was fighting. Raging against the doubters (and proving some of them right in the process). When he's on it, it is a joyous experience. Watching him bat is to be in the middle of a cymbals-led orchestra. A glorious symphony of thunderous crash, bang, wallop. Right now, none of that is true. It resembles a band whose singer has a throat infection.

But — there is a reason why this is a truism — the only way to escape a rut is to a) befriend luck and b) spend more time in the middle. A very tentative-looking Gill had patted back a leg-stump half-volley off Tom Hartley to mid-wicket. Thirty minutes later, he clipped it past the man for four. In the morning session, he was happy to survive deliveries even if they were meant to be hit. After he moved past 50, he danced down to Rehan Ahmed to loft him down the ground for six. Off the next, he swept him through deep square leg. There was also an elegant drive to an overpitched delivery through wide mid-on for a four off the next ball. He had pillaged 14 in three balls to move into the 80s.

For a batter who had failed to cross 13 in six of his previous 12 innings, this was a booster shot. During this run stretching back to last March, he had crossed 35 only once (36 against South Africa). Before this onslaught, the dice again fell his way. He tried to defend a Hartley delivery but the ball turned across the bat, took his edge and bisected the gap between 'keeper and slip.

Just after he had passed the 50 mark, a graphic came up on TV. He had middled 95% of the deliveries he attempted to play. Sometimes, he can get bogged down and the only release shots available to him are boundaries. His first 50 proved the point — 38 out of his first 52 runs were in boundaries. There is of course nothing wrong with this but teams can put pressure if you don't have the flick off the pads for a single or if you can't knock the ball into the gap in front of square on the off-side.

But something happened after his first 50 in 10 months. He got his footwork back. As a result, he was more confident in milking the bowling. In one Hartley over, he worked him in front of square on both sides for singles. He did the same thing to Rehan. The feet were in sync and was in control of his own destiny.

In the 52nd over, he had that feeling again. After calmly nudging a Shoaib Bashir ball off his pads to the leg side, he walked the single. Even as the crowd erupted, the 100 was a muted celebration; more relief than anything. After a few seconds, the helmet came off before looking skyward. It was reminiscent of the village folk dancing their hearts out in relief after looking at rain-bearing clouds in Lagaan. Here, though, Gill was looking at clear blue skies. There was no sign of grey or black on the horizon.

A few balls after his third 100, he got out; a reverse-sweep kissing the gloves before ballooning to the keeper (it was rather poetic that England sent the decision to the third umpire with two seconds on the clock).

In Lagaan, the villagers were fooled as the sun returned. After a long winter, Gill will want the sun to stay on his side for the foreseeable future.

SCOREBOARD

India 1st Innings: 396; **England 1st Innings:** 253; **India 2nd Innings** (overnight 28/0): Jaiswal c Root b Anderson 17, Rohit b Anderson 13, Gill c Foakes b Bashir 104, Iyer c Stokes b Hartley 29, Patidar c Foakes b Rehan 9, Axar lbw b Tom Hartley 45, Bharat c Stokes b Rehan Ahmed 6, Ashwin c Foakes b Rehan 29, Kuldeep c Duckett b Hartley 0, Bumrah c Bairstow b Hartley 0, Mukesh n.o 0; **Extras:** (lb-2, nb-1) 3; **Total** (all out in 78.3 ovs): 255; **FoW:** 29-1, 30-2, 111-3, 122-4, 211-5, 220-6, 228-7, 229-8, 255-9; **Bowling:** Anderson 10-1-29-2, Bashir 15-0-58-1, Rehan 24.3-5-88-3, Root 2-1-1-0, Hartley 27-3-77-4; **England 2nd innings:** Crawley batting 29, Ducket c Bharat b Ashwin 28, Rehan batting 9; **Extras:** (NB-1) 1; **Total** (For 1 wkt in 14 ovs): 67; **FoW:** 1-50; **Bowling:** Bumrah 5-1-9-0, Mukesh 2-0-19-0, Kuldeep 4-0-21-0, Ashwin 2-0-8-1, Axar 1-0-10-0.

Litmus test awaits Rohit & Co

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
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FIRST, the bad news. The myth of Bazball grew limbs and became an outsized monster on the back of some thrilling fourth-innings chases. The Ben Stokes-Brendon McCullum regime saw their team chase down scores in excess of 250 four consecutive times. In 150 years of Tests, it had never been done before they placed their tanks in the front of conventional Test wisdom. That sort of hedonism is still in play. While chasing a score, they have won eight out of 10.

Now, the good news (this may not even be all that good). England still need 332 to win on a surface where the odd ball is keeping low, with some turn. There's also the Jasprit Bumrah factor. The ball is 14 overs old. Considering he has got it to reverse around the 20 overs mark in the first innings as well as in Hyderabad, a clutch of wickets could follow. There's also R Ashwin, who gave India a much-needed breakthrough before stumps. After going wicket-less for the first time out, this was already a better start. In decades gone by, you wouldn't even entertain thoughts of any other result. India home and hosed by tea. In 90 years of Tests in this country, batting becomes progressively harder. Ergo, fourth innings chases have usually resembled a deck of cards in various stages of collapsing on itself.

With this team? With that mindset? Nobody really knows. As far as James Anderson was concerned, the job would be done in 60-70 overs. "I know there are 180 overs left in the game, but we will try to do it in 60 or 70," he said in the post-day press conference. "That's the way we play, and we saw that tonight with Rehan (Ahmed) going out and playing his shots.

The chat last night from the coach (Brendon McCullum) was that if they get 600, we were going to go for it. It makes it very clear to everyone that we will try to do it tomorrow. I know there are 180 overs left in the game, but we will try to do it in 60 or 70

— James Anderson

He wanted to get out there and chase those runs down, even tonight. We have set our stall out, tomorrow (Monday) will be no different, we will play the same way we have the last two years. Whether we win or lose, it's not irrelevant because we are extremely competitive and want to win every game we play, but we want to play in a certain way. I think we will be doing that tomorrow."

One of the understated effects of the visitors' ultra-positive, running towards danger mentality is it has made the opposition reactive and cautious in equal measure. As soon as Zak Crawley lifted Kuldeep Yadav for a six over long-on, Rohit Sharma moved the fielder at mid-on back. They still had 350 runs to play with. Close-in fielders had disappeared and there was a sweeper cover inside the first five overs.

You could even see that in the way India batted after they lost Shubman Gill. An enterprising innings had gradually lost all meaning. When Gill perished to the reverse-sweep, it had become 211/5 in 56 overs. In essence, the hosts had lost their six wickets for 44 in 22-and-a-bit overs. It was like the batters were unsure of what to do so they just decided to block (Bumrah played 45 minutes for a 26-ball 0). Anderson too felt this strange energy from the Indian batters. "I think the nerves were there to see today," the 41-year-old said. "The way they batted, I think they didn't know how many was enough. They were quite cautious, even when they had a big lead. The chat last night from the coach was that if they get 600, we were going to go for it. It makes it very clear to everyone that we will try to do it tomorrow." Set your clocks. Call your manager to reschedule meetings. It could well be another thrilling day of the sport in excelsis.

Root nursing dodgy finger

Joe Root was off the field for almost the entire day after suffering a blow to his finger while fielding in the cordon. However, Anderson confirmed that he will be available to bat.

With England having nine wickets and two days to chase, India captain Rohit Sharma (centre) and his bowlers have their task cut out on Monday | PTI

Indian team & support staff cheer during the Davis Cup clash against Pakistan on Sunday. The visitors blanked Pakistan to seal a World Group I spot | PTI

India beat Pak 4-0, secure place in World Group I

AGENCIES @ Islamabad

INDIAN Davis Cup team capped its historic visit to Pakistan after 60 years by sealing its place in World Group I as it blanked Pakistan 4-0 with Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni recording a comfortable victory and Niki Poonacha making a winning debut, here Sunday.

Taking the court with a 2-0 lead in pocket, Bhambri and Myneni subdued the home team of Muzammil Murtaza and Aqeel Khan 6-2 7-6(5) in the doubles rubber to extend India's dominance of Pakistan in the tournament. Aqeel replaced Barkat Ullah in the side. The idea was to have an experienced player for the do-or-die match, the defeat in which would have clinched India the tie.

However, Bhambri and big-serving Myneni did not put a foot wrong in the match in which they were not troubled by their rivals much. The gulf in quality in the two teams was apparent. Myneni's big serves were too hot to handle for the home team. Myneni hardly lost a point on his serve and was also superb at the net also. The Indian players' returns were also better as several times Bhambri sent down winners between the two Pakistani players. The 28-year-old Poonacha was then asked to play the dead fourth rubber against Muhammad Shoaib, who he beat 6-3 6-4. The fifth match was not played. Shoaib struggled with his serve but had a terrific backhand. Realising Shoaib's strong point, Niki did not feed many balls to his backhand and comfortably logged the win. Shoaib also struggled to contain unforced errors, giving many free points to the Indian. It was India's eighth win in as many meetings in the event, dubbed as World Cup of tennis and now it will compete in World Group I in September this year while Pakistan will stay in Group II.

The Indian team adapted well to the tough conditions and the heavy security around them, not letting the restrictions on their movement have an adverse impact on them. The Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) did well in creating a safety net around the players, as several agencies worked in tandem to ensure that the historic tie went without any untoward incidents. "The organisation was spot on. All the arrangements were good. We thank Pakistan Tennis Federation for being wonderful hosts," India captain Zeeshan Ali said.

Bhambri and Myneni had a tight grip over the contest from the beginning. They broke Aqeel in the first and fifth games for a commanding 4-1 lead. In game one, Aqeel hit a backhand long and wide to be down two breakpoints. While Myneni hit wide on first, he found and easy volley winner on Aqeel's feeble return. The Pakistani stalwart again dropped serve in game five.

India women lose 1-3 to Netherlands

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

NETHERLANDS inflicted second successive defeat on hosts India as Savita Punia and Co went down 1-3 against the World No. 1 side in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 here at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Sunday.

India women lost 1-2 to China in their opening match on Saturday. Yibbi Jansen (3', 34') and Fay van der Elst (21') scored for Netherlands while Navneet Kaur (9') was the lone goal scorer for India. Jansen was adjudged as the player of the match. India will take on Australia on February 7. Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, China defeated Australia 3-0 for the second straight win of the tournament.

India and Netherlands players in action on Sunday | SHAMIM QURESHY

Manish guides Karnataka home

ENS/AGENCIES @ Surat

VETERAN batter Manish Pandey conjured all his experience to score an unbeaten fifty that helped Karnataka eke out a nervy one-wicket win over Railways on the third day of their Elite Group C Ranji Trophy match here on Sunday. Chasing a tricky target of 226 to win, Karnataka huffed their way to 229 for 9 as Pandey stayed unbeaten on 67 off 121 balls with six fours and a six.

Earlier, Railway, who resumed from overnight 209 for eight, were bowled out for 244 in their second innings. Pacer Vysakh Vijayakumar, who later did his bit with bat as well, was the most successful bowler for Karnataka with a fifer (5/67). With this win, Karnataka has topped the Group C with 21 points and are poised to enter the knockouts with two more league matches pending.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu are cruising towards their third out-right win of the season as they dismissed Goa for 168 in the second innings. Skipper R Sai Kishore (4/82) and S Ajith Ram (4/36) shared the spoils yet again as TN were set a target of 137 to win. At stumps, the visitors were 61/1 in 26 overs.

At the Moin ul Haq Stadium in Patna, hosts Bihar were staring at a massive defeat at the hands of Andhra at stumps. Bihar were precariously placed at 111/8 in their second innings, trailing by another 170 runs, with Andhra closing in on a victory by an innings. Bihar had made 182 in the first innings and conceded a 281-run lead after Andhra posted 463, powered by Nithish Kumar Reddy's 159. In Ranchi, Chhattisgarh conceded a slender 38-run lead against visiting side Kerala, who had taken their overall lead to 100 runs. Kerala bowled out Chhattisgarh for 312 despite a fine 118 from KD Eknath. For the visitors, Nidheesh MD and Jalaj Saxena took three wickets apiece while Basil Thampi took two. In reply, Kerala reached 69/2 at stumps on the third day's play.

SELECT SCORES

At Surat: Railways 155 & 244 all out lost to Karnataka 174 & 229/9 in 82.4 ovs (Manish Pandey 67 n.o, Vysakh Vijayakumar 38; Akash Pandey 5/94); **At Porvorim:** Goa 241 & 168 all out in 65.5 ovs (Suyash Prabhudesai 79; R Sai Kishore 4/82, S Ajith Ram 4/36) vs Tamil Nadu 273 & 61/1 in 26 overs (S Lokeshwar 34 batting); **At Patna:** Bihar 182 & 111/8 in 47 ovs (Babul Kumar 34 n.o; Lalith Mohan 4/27, KV Sasikanth 3/8) trail Andhra 463; **At Raipur:** Kerala 350 & 69/2 in 18 ovs (Rohan Kunnummal 36; Ashish Chouhan 1/17) lead Chhattisgarh 312 in 103 ovs (Sanjeet Desai 56, KD Eknath 118 n.o, Ajay Mandal 63; Jalaj Saxena 3/31).

On return, Vinesh bags 55kg gold

AGENCIES @ Jaipur

RETURNING to the wrestling mat after more than 16 months, Vinesh Phogat won the senior national championship gold in the 55kg weight category in Jaipur on Sunday. As per the organisers, Vinesh, who last competed in the 2022 World Championships winning a bronze, defeated Madhya Pradesh wrestler Jyoti 4-0 by fall in the final.

The two-time Worlds medallist Vinesh was representing the Railway Sports Promotion Board in the event being organised by the ad-hoc committee. The committee is running the sport in the country after the Wrestling Federation of India was abstained from functioning by the sports ministry. Notably, the WFI led by Sanjay Kumar Singh had already held its nationals in Pune from January 29 to 31.

Vinesh spearheaded the protest against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh along with Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik. In another high-profile contest, Anshu Malik beat Sarita Mor in the 59kg final to pocket gold. Incidentally, Anshu had won 57kg silver in the 2021 Worlds while Sarita had bagged 59kg bronze in the tournament.

EXPRESS READ

Mulani grabs five as India A beat Eng Lions

AHMEDABAD: India A spinners turned the knife into England Lions' batting line-up to give their side a commanding 134-run victory on the fourth day of the third and final unofficial 'Test' here on Sunday. Chasing an improbable 403, the Lions were bundled out for 268 as India A bagged the three-match series 2-0.

10-man Barca beat Alaves 3-1 in La Liga

BARCELONA: Ilkay Gundogan set up Robert Lewandowski and added a goal to lead 10-man Barcelona to a 3-1 win at Alaves on Saturday. Girona missed the chance to take lead after being held 0-0 at home by Real Sociedad. Girona coach M'chel S'nchez was sent off with a red card in the 89th, apparently for excessive protests.

Para Shooting World Cup in jeopardy

NEW DELHI: The hosting of the Para Shooting World Cup in India next month is in jeopardy following the sports ministry's decision to suspend the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) for not holding elections on time. The Para Shooting World Cup is scheduled to be held at the Karni Singh Ranges here from March 6-15.

Arsenal strike thrice against Reds to close gap in title race

AFP @ London

WITH a 3-1 win against Liverpool, Arsenal closed gap in Premier League title race to two points at the Emirates Stadium in London on Sunday night. Bukayo Saka, Gabriel Martinelli and Leandro Trossard struck for the Gunners as Liverpool succumbed to just a second league defeat of the season.

Earlier, Manchester United climbed into the Premier League's top six as Rasmus Hojlund and Alejandro Garnacho struck to show further signs of a bright future for the Red Devils in a 3-0 win over West Ham. United's blushes were saved by 18-year-old Kobbie Mainoo in a dramatic late 4-3 win over Wolves on Thursday and had two more young stars to thank for a more routine three points at Old Trafford.

Hojlund's long wait to break his Premier League duck is now long forgotten as the Dane scored marked his 21st birthday by scoring in a fourth consecutive league game. Garnacho then took centre stage as his deflected effort early in the second half doubled United's lead before he rounded off the scoring six minutes from time.

Victory, though, came at a cost as Lisandro Martinez hobbled off with a potentially serious knee injury. Former United boss David Moyes' long wait for a win at Old Trafford as a visiting manager in the Premier League goes on as defeat sees the Hammers slip behind their opponents in the table, down to seventh.

Results: Arsenal 3-1 Liverpool, Bournemouth 1 -1 Nottingham Forest; Chelsea 2-4 Wolves; Manchester United 3-0 West Ham.

Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli (R) celebrates after scoring his team second goal against Liverpool in the Premier League clash on Sunday | AFP

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

CHANDIGARH PGT EXAM
Date: February 10 to 13, 2024

CGPSC PCS PRELIMS
Date: February 11, 2024

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Date: February 13, 2024

Time is of essence when it comes to focused learning. How to effectively manage this precious resource is the most crucial skill every student must develop to win in their academic endeavours. **Mrittika Banerjee** speaks to productivity and time management experts to understand what it takes to walk with the clock

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TIME & TASK
HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE WITH LEARNING?

Be "unrealistic" when you set a goal, and then be realistic about how you will achieve that goal

— Quote from the book The Motivation Myth: How High Achievers Really Set Themselves Up to Win by American columnist and author Jeff Haden

Creating an ideal timetable involves understanding your personal rhythm and peak productive hours. I recommend allocating time for focused study sessions interspersed with short breaks. It's also important to include time for hobbies and relaxation to ensure a well-rounded routine. Consistency is key, so try to adhere to your schedule as closely as possible. Lastly, regular review and adjustment of your timetable based on your progress and changing needs can greatly enhance its effectiveness

— Bhanu Prakash, acclaimed as world's fastest human calculator

Time management

EFFECTIVELY managing time is a valuable skill for academic success and crucial for overcoming the challenges of daily life. Failing to master this skill can lead to heightened stress levels and the inability to accomplish tasks. Among the significant factors contributing to time mismanagement are procrastination, lack of prioritisation, over-commitment, falling into the perfectionism trap or setting unrealistic goals, inefficient planning, and distractions.

Anuj Pachhel, a productivity YouTuber and medical intern at Government Medical College Nagpur, emphasises the importance of setting clear deadlines to stick to goals. He says, "Setting clear deadlines is how I am able to stick to my goals. I do not leave it to fate, I try to apply my efforts however it is required for the task."

Overcoming time management issues

TIMETABLE: Develop a realistic and structured timetable that allocates time for various tasks and activities

PRIORITISE TASKS: Identify the most important and urgent tasks. Focus on high-priority items first

USE TOOLS & APPS: Leverage productivity tools and apps to help you stay organised, set reminders, and use habit trackers to manage your time

REGULARLY REVIEW AND ADJUST: Periodically assess how well your time management strategies are working and make adjustments as needed

EMBRACE IMPERFECTION: Accept that perfection is unattainable and learn to embrace imperfection as a part of the process

EARLY BIRDS VS NIGHT OWLS

THE debate over whether it's better to rise with the sun or burn the midnight oil is widely embraced by productivity aficionados and society at large. While most productivity experts advocate for being an early bird, the question remains: WHY?

As a general principle, early birds tend to find society more accommodating than night owls. Early risers typically have an easier time conforming to standard daytime schedules, facilitating smoother functioning within workplaces that primarily operate during daylight hours. Maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, even on weekends and days off, is often emphasised for optimal performance.

Indeed, a 2012 research review titled *Happy as a Lark: Morning-type Younger and Older Adults are Higher in Positive Affect* by researchers RK Biss & L Hasher, revealed that morning people tend to report elevated levels of positive emotions. However, it's important to note that this correlation between happiness and early rising might stem from the alignment of one's sleep pattern with societal norms, making integration into social structures more seamless.

Further bolstering the case for early rising, a study featured in the Harvard Business Review demonstrated that "early birds" tend to outperform "night owls" who burn the midnight oil. Beyond academic research, a multitude of successful individuals share a common habit: waking up early. Notable figures such as tech giant Apple's CEO Tim Cook, author Michelle Obama, American TV host Oprah Winfrey, and business leader Indra Nooyi have all confessed to being early birds.

SO, WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE TO BE?

In his videos, IAS officer Manuj Jindal states how embracing early rising transformed his life. "I wasn't always an early bird, but I have trained myself over the years to be one, and it has significantly boosted my productivity," he remarked. Similarly, Youtuber Thomas Frank in his video How To Wake Up Early Without Feeling Tired, mentions, "It is possible to lead a perfectly productive life as a night owl. However, I personally have found that when I carve out time in the morning and actually go through a morning routine, I tend to be more productive. Again, this is a personal thing"

Let's take a walk, says says Productivity YouTuber Thomas Frank

What would be a lesser-known productivity tip that you like to give students?

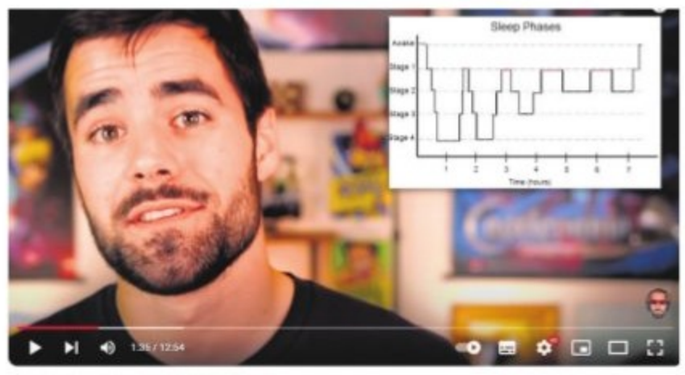
Thomas Frank: Walking daily creates "active meditation" time where you can more easily allow your mind to relax and solve problems in more creative ways. There's a great book called A Mind for Numbers (that is not about Math), which explains this in more detail; our brains have both a focused mode and a diffused mode, and we need to switch between them throughout the day to solve tough problems. We also need to switch in order to prevent good stress from becoming chronic (bad) stress. Going for a walk each day — or doing something that's fun — makes this easy

Ditch the alarm clock

PROMINENT figures like Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and media mogul Oprah Winfrey emphasise the significance of quality sleep and waking up naturally. Bezos, an advocate for eight hours of nightly rest, rejects the use of alarms, a sentiment echoed by Winfrey in her wellness diary. Additionally, Productivity YouTuber Thomas Frank joins the chorus against alarm dependency, asserting that understanding one's sleep cycle is pivotal for morning vitality.

Echoing the sentiment of these influential figures, Frank delves into the adverse effects of alarm clocks in his video titled *How to Stop Being TIRED All the Time*. Frank contends, "If you wake up in the wrong stage of a sleep cycle you're gonna feel absolutely awful. And that's the risk you run when you use an alarm clock."

As history attests, humans traditionally aligned their waking patterns with their innate sleep cycles, a practice favouring optimal rest. According to Frank, waking up in between a cycle, irrespective of how long one has slept, will tend to make one feel more tired. "Sleeping for less duration but completing sleep cycles tends to make people feel more rested," the YouTuber adds.



Chalking out a Time Table

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

CRAFTING an effective timetable requires a personalised approach, and *EdexLive* explored this by delving into the routines of individuals like IAS officer Manuj Jindal and the world's fastest calculator, Bhanu Prakash. Each perspective sheds light on the layers of mastering time. "Embrace mornings," insists Manuj Jindal, emphasising the productivity boost that aligning with the natural cycle can bring. He shares, "It may be a debated notion, but I firmly believe that aligning with the natural cycle of most animals enhances productivity. After lunch, one can take it easy and still have ample time for other activities."

However, balancing work and leisure is crucial in schedule-building, as highlighted by Khushi Jain, a Class X student of Sushila Birla Girls' School, Kolkata. She says, "Don't forget to have fun while working. Take breaks when needed and prioritise high-priority tasks. Don't cut out time with family and friends, as it also contributes to personal development." Again, room for flexibility in timetables and personalising it to one's own needs is imperative. "I like to keep it flexible. It's about having a plan but tweaking it as needed," adds Sai Sharan, Class X student, Gitanjali Senior School, Hyderabad.

On a similar note, young prodigy Agastya Jaiswal, who completed his postgraduation at the age of 16, brings in a unique analogy. He states, "Life is an exam and everyone has different question papers. Hence, to share my opinion on an ideal timetable might prove futilite for someone else." Agastya shares that he too embraces early mornings and wakes up at 6 am, indulging in physical and philanthropic activities. "Between 1 to 3 pm, I teach kids. It is my way of giving back what I have learnt, indulging in acts of philanthropy." He advises students against using cell phones stating, "Limiting internet and cellphone use can save a lot of your time."

Memory coach John Louis' tips on timetable crafting and busting stress

Know Yourself

Peak focus: Early bird or night owl? Identify your prime focus times

Workload assessment: Be realistic about the time each subject needs

Distraction busters: Pinpoint what derails you (phone, social media, noise) and minimise them

Planning & Organisation

SMART goals: Make goals Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. Aim for "20 Math problems by Wednesday" instead of just "Study Math"

Dedicated study blocks: Schedule specific times for each subject, factoring in breaks. Treat them like unmissable appointments

Visualise and track: Use physical or digital calendars/ planners. Colour code subjects and highlight key dates

Flexibility & Optimisation

Spontaneous sprinkles: Leave room for unexpected tasks or revisions. Don't be a schedule slave!

Review and refine: Regularly evaluate your timetable. Adapt time slots, experiment, and stay engaged

Embrace breaks: Schedule short breaks throughout sessions to prevent burnout

Other things to consider

BALANCE SUBJECTS

- Spread out your study sessions for different subjects to maintain a balanced approach
- Avoid consecutive long sessions on a single subject

Consider personal routines

- Align your timetable with your natural circadian rhythm
- Ensure you have time for meals, exercise, and relaxation

John Louis, International memory coach

Types of stress students encounter

1 **Academic stress:** High workload, demanding classes, and procrastination contribute to academic stress and can manifest as anxiety, pressure to perform and difficulty in concentrating

2 **Social stress:** Fitting in, peer pressure, competition, relationship struggles, and feeling alone can lead to social stress. This can impact mood, energy levels, and motivation

3 **Personal Stress:** Mental health concerns like depression, physical health challenges, life adjustments like moving or family issues, and personal loss contribute to personal stress and can affect mood, focus, and ability to cope with other stressors

4 **Financial Stress:** Financial burden from living expenses, and other costs, job pressure, and uncertainty about the future leads to worry, anxiety, and more

Combating stress with effective strategies

1 **Academic stress:** Practice time management with techniques like scheduling, setting realistic goals. Develop effective study skills and implement stress management techniques

2 **Social stress:** Build and maintain supportive bonds with friends and family

3 **Personal stress:** Prioritise self-care by ensuring adequate sleep, healthy eating and so on

4 **Financial stress:** Create a budget to track income and expenses and make informed financial decisions

I used to play piano, I am a National level table tennis player as well, I also played for State U-17. The best way to relieve stress is fitness and sports activities

— Agastya Jaiswal, Young prodigy

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DAY'S DIARY

Nasser elected

On this day in 1958, Gamal Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first President of the new United Arab Republic

BACKGROUND

In 1956, Egyptian voters elected Nasser as the first President of the Republic of Egypt. Nasser, toppled the Egyptian monarchy in a military coup in 1952

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

In 1958, Egypt joined with Syria in the United Arab Republic. Nasser and Syrian President Shukri al-Kuwatly proclaimed the union of their two countries

TRIVIA

Nasser was born in Alexandria in 1918. After law college, he entered the Royal Military Academy. He graduated as a second lieutenant

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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PIC: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Having recently come to the fore, Prakhar Chaturvedi, the 19-yr-old B'luru cricketer who broke Yuvraj Singh's 25-year-old record for the highest individual score in a Cooch Behar Final, on the historic knock, and his next course of action

NEW BEGINNINGS

DESE GOWDA

EARLIER last month, the finale of the Cooch Behar Trophy saw Karnataka lift a historic maiden title after defeating Mumbai with a mammoth first-innings lead. And equally historic was the unbeaten innings by a teenager from Bengaluru – 404 runs off 638 balls – which not only helped Karnataka sail through to the title but also broke Yuvraj Singh's 25-year-old record for the highest individual score in a Cooch Behar Final.

"Honestly, it's still sinking in! Throughout the innings, I was just trying to stay focused on each ball, build partnerships, and contribute to the team's victory. During lunchtime when I was playing at 299, my friends told me that the old record was 358. So it was in the back of my mind after I crossed 300, but my main goal was to play my best and help us win," says Prakhar Chaturvedi, who, a few years earlier, was not picked for the Karnataka U19 zonal tournament. "I was determined to play for Karnataka, so the only way was to score as many runs as possible in the U19 league and zonal. So, I worked hard for the next eight to nine months, and last year, I was the highest run scorer in the U19 league. When I got the opportunity to play zonal, I was the second highest run scorer of the tournament and it helped me in state selection," adds the 19-year-old who is currently pursuing a degree in BA economics online, studying when his schedule permits.

Having started his cricketing journey at the age of 11, Chaturvedi grew up watching some of the biggest players of this generation, yet considers Sir Vivian Richards, the legendary West Indies cricketer, his role model. "I have been growing up watching Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, and MS Dhoni. Though I have only watched them play on TV, I have picked up some of the tricks of the modern game from them. However, I consider Sir Viv Richards to be my role model. I have learnt from him the pure joy of playing the game, the freedom to swing hard and trust your skills, and the feeling of owning the field like it is your backyard. Cricket, especially long innings, demands mental strength," he adds.

Meanwhile, despite his historic knock, Chaturvedi remains grounded about his prospects. "I know this is the beginning and there is a long way to go. I have a lot to learn and improve, but it motivates me to work even harder and achieve even greater things in the future. The next five years are very crucial. I would say that the next two-three years are very crucial for my preparation. I am yet to get exposed to the highest level of competitive cricket. So, my focus is to learn and adapt as quickly as possible and perform wherever I get the opportunity. I am currently representing Karnataka U23 at the CK Nayudu Trophy and I want to perform well in this tournament. I am a firm believer in process and taking one step at a time," he says.

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>
> Prakhar Chaturvedi, cricketer

Poonam Pandey faking her death to allegedly bring about awareness on cervical cancer has received flak from every corner and has thrown spotlight on the need to run sensitive campaigns

ALIVE AND KICKING UP A STORM

MONIKA MONALISA

ON Friday, a post on actor-model Poonam Pandey's official social media account announced her untimely demise due to cervical cancer. But within 24 hours, Pandey returned to social media informing that she was alive and kicking, and the whole episode was an attempt to raise awareness about cervical cancer. But given the sensitive nature of this matter at hand, the stunt that Pandey hoped to pull off didn't go do well with many even as some justify the act to be in line with client and audience demands.

Sandalwood actor Chaithra J Achar points out that being a public figure comes with responsibility. "The news was disturbing, and I don't understand why she agreed to do something like this. Even if I have to put some crucial information out there, I don't think I will choose the path of death which is sensitive," says Achar, adding that a stunt like this can also do damage to one's credibility.

Agrees content creator Rida Tharana, who has close to 10 lakh followers on social media. "Drawing a line is important, especially when you're a public figure with a large following. There are better ways to create awareness than faking death. Stunts like these question the credibility of the person," she says.

Apart from credibility issues, it has also brought in the question of 'shock news' or 'click baits' that the internet is filled with. While Pandey's campaign backfired to a large extent, similar campaigns that were carefully planned with sensitivity have previously found success. Nithin Koshy, co-founder of Now Media, says agencies carefully consider ethical and legal implications and typically have crisis management plans in place. "The strategic use of controversy is often driven by client demands for content that stands out. It's important to recognise that the inclination towards shock value is a response to the current audience engagement trends. Unfortunately, it has become a quick method for drawing attention to important matters, reflecting a shift in how messages need to be delivered to make a significant impact. While not always the ideal approach, this tactic has emerged as a rapid way to spotlight critical issues in a crowded informational landscape," says Koshy.

Prashanth Nair, an advertising professional, finds the incident distasteful since it manipulates emotions. "I value shock as a tool to be able to cause a specific kind of impact. Shock has an important role to play to make people notice something you are wanting to say. This specific instance is unique to its time because with social media and digital presence, we, as people, feel we know these celebrities personally. Impactful advertising uses shock but here, it's is deception and which has led to believing something that is not true," explains Nair.

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> Nithin Koshy, digital marketeer

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NUGGETS

Experience a culinary journey through Kashmir

Ssaffron, Shangri-La Bengaluru's restaurant is showcasing the Kashmiri Wazwan till February 11. Hailing from Kashmir, Wazas, Mushtaq and Hameid will be presenting authentic Wazwan specialities. The menu begins with Kashmiri kehwa, tabak maaz, maaz kanti, mache kebab and more served along with a variety of koshur chutneys. For details, call 080-45126100.

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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BOOK NOOK

Change
By Édouard Louis

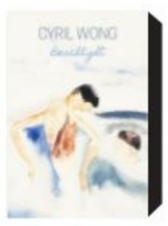
Louis longs for a life beyond the poverty, discrimination and violence in his working-class hometown, so he sets out for school in Amiens, and, later a university in Paris. He sheds the provincial 'Eddy' for an elegant new name, determined to eradicate every aspect of his past.

All That Sizzles
By Sakshama Dhariwal

Wedding planner Tanvi Bedi is all fired up about her latest project, the $100 million wedding of a media heiress. The only hitch is her high-profile client's wishlist chef, Nik Shankar. Weddings are a complete no-no for Nik, but there must be something – or someone – he can't resist.

The Murderer's Mother
By Mahasweta Devi

The story of Tapan, who has been installed as a gang leader by the most powerful man in the locality in order to kill "unwanted obstacles". Tapan knows there is no other way he can earn a living, but at the same time, he is desperate to protect his family.



Beachlight
By Cyril Wong

A profound poem on the mystical and the ecstatic and about our connection with nature. Beachlight is a sustained poem divided into smaller parts that take on the anonymous voices of those lost and forgotten.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Evening of Spectacle

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Karaoke Buzz

Express your love for singing with loved ones and have a fun time amidst great ambiance. From chart-toppers to classics... grab the mic, and let the music guide your soul.

When: Feb 5, 4pm onwards
Where: Casa Karaoke, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Miniature Green Havens

At this DIY terrarium workshop, discover the joy of cultivating and customizing a personal oasis in the form of a terrarium and craft your own miniature green haven to take home.

When: Feb 5, 1pm
Where: Small World: ST Bed, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

THEATRE MEETS ART

Bangalore International Centre in collaboration with the Drama Library is hosting the second edition of their multi-city play reading series, featuring carefully-curated scripts that are read simultaneously in two or more cities.

When: Feb 5, 7pm
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
Details: bookmyshow.com

Clay Romance

Escape to a world of romance and creativity with this couples pottery workshop, sculpting your love into beautiful ceramic pieces.

When: Feb 5, 6pm **Where:** Wheel & Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Laughter Fest

Go down with friends, family, enemies, random strangers, or by yourself for an absurd, edgy, and funny evening as these city regulars try to crack you up with their jokes.

When: Feb 5, 8pm
Where: Bistro Claytopia, Koramanagala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Jazz-y Evening

Swedish Jazz ensemble The Moving Big Band is returning to Bengaluru to perform some of the best of classic Jazz tunes. Go with your loved ones for a stellar time.

When: Feb 6, 7.30pm
Where: Mother Tekla Auditorium, Craig Park Layout
Details: bookmyshow.com

A BLUR OF JOY

Students of primary school perform during a cultural programme on the occasion of Blooming Kids Day on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

AVOCADO TOAST

Contributed by **Ruhi Sinha,** Delhi

INGREDIENTS

- **Bread slices:** 4-5
- **Cherry tomatoes (sliced):** 1 cup
- **Salt and pepper to taste**
- **Feta cheese (crumbled):** 150g
- **Ripe avocados:** 2
- **Butter:** ½ tsp
- **Balsamic vinegar**

METHOD

- Toast the bread slices with some butter on a pan
- In a bowl, mash the avocados and spread them evenly on the toasted bread.
- Top it off with some sliced cherry tomatoes and crumbled feta.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Drizzle some balsamic vinegar and serve.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

UTKATA KONASANA VARIATION

(GODDESS POSE VARIATION ARMS STRAIGHT UP)

It is a wonderful pose for students dealing with cervical spondylosis for kids/teens, working professionals, seniors, pregnant women, and the visually impaired. It gives a vertical stretch to the shoulder blades and fortifies them.

STEPS

- Start in Tadasana, take a few deep breaths.
- Inhale, place your hands on the waist. Exhale, keep your leg 3-3½ ft apart in Prasarita Tadasana Hands On Hips.
- Turn your feet to bring the heels in and the toes out, pointing the toes to the corners of your mat.
- Inhale, roll your shoulders back and draw the navel into the spine. Exhale and squat down. Sink until the knees are aligned with ankles.
- Bring the thighs parallel to the floor.
- Tuck in your pelvis and lift the upper body. Hands are still on the waistline.
- Balancing the lower body, inhale, raise your arms. Stretch out the arms, above your head.
- Ensure the palms are facing each other, upper arm away from ears, long, and parallel.
- Keep the arms an inch away from the ears, stay here for six breaths. Keep the chin, chest, navel, and pelvis in line.
- To release, exhale and bring the arms down on the waist. Return to Tadasana.
- Relax in Mountain Pose Three Part Breath.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the hips, lower back and the thigh muscles
- Helps to broaden the chest and correct postural defects.
- Massages the organs in the abdomen, particularly the kidneys, the ovaries, urinary system and the prostate gland.
- Improves respiration.
- Energises the body and allievates stress.
- Relieves menstrual pain and cramps.
- Reduces neck and shoulders tension.
- Help in creating conscious awareness and creates balance in the body.
- Beneficial to kids and teens for developing awareness and concentration.
- Helps in healing the symptoms of plantar fasciitis or flatfoot.

LIMITATIONS

People suffering from hip, ankle or knee injuries, shoulder problems, avoid this.

When widening the legs, don't go beyond your limit.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

HUSTLERS: JUGAAD KA KHEL (Hindi, series)

The drama chronicles the journey of an ambitious and street-smart guy who dares to dream and strives to build a name for himself. The show also highlights the intricacies of the start-up culture in Mumbai.

Cast: Vishal Vashishtha, Anjali Barot, Amman Uppal

- **Watch on:** Amazon miniTV

ANIMAL (Hindi)

When a son of a powerful industrialist returns home after spending years abroad, he is blinded by anger and vows to take revenge on those threatening his father's life.

Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KARMMA CALLING (Hindi, series)

A mysterious young woman takes Alibag by storm. She is attractive, rich, well-connected and has no digital footprint. Her sole objective is revenge.

Cast: Raveena Tandon, Namrata Sheth, Varun Sood

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

BADI HEROINE BANTI HAI (Hindi, series)

Advait meets Kajal at his fashion house, following a scandalous murder. Attraction and hate leads to immense drama as the two pretend to be fiancés to save Advait's empire. Will love bloom between them?

Cast: Rajeev Siddhartha, Prerna Lisa, Utkarsh Kohli

- **Watch on:** Amazon miniTV

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SAM BAHADUR (Hindi)

The film follows the life of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, one of the most decorated officers in the Indian army who served for over four decades. The biopic highlights his leadership during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Sanya Malhotra, Fatima Sana Shaikh

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

SECRETS OF THE BUDDHA RELICS (Hindi, series)

The series explores the origins, cultural significance, and mystical tales surrounding the relics of Gautam Buddha. The documentary also discusses the intertwined historical and mythological narratives of the relics.

Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Chandra Prakash Dwivedi, BR Mani

- **Watch on:** Discovery+ Hotstar

JAB MILA TU (Hindi, series)

When Maddy and Aneri become roommates, things get chaotic. With Mint and Jigar joining the mix, their journey becomes a whirlwind of unpredictable adventures, love and camaraderie.

Cast: Mohsin Khan, Eisha Singh, Pratik Sehajpal

- **Watch on:** Jio Cinema

FOREIGN

CAPTIVATING THE KING (Korean, series)

Amid a royal and political power struggle, a king entangles with an intriguing woman, whose hidden desire for revenge transforms into unintended love.

Cast: Cho Jung-seok, Shin Sae-kyeong, Lee Shin-young

- **Watch on:** Netflix

THE BROTHERS SUN (English, series)

A family emergency sends a ruthless killer from Taipei to LA. Cash-strapped Bruce takes a new gig. When a crisis erupts, estranged brothers reunite.

Cast: Michelle Yeoh, Justin Chien, Sam Song Li

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SONG OF THE SOUTH (Vietnamese)

As French colonial rule reaches a violent end in Vietnam, a 12-year-old boy makes a treacherous journey in search of his estranged father.

Cast: Hyun Hao Khang, Do Ky Phong, Bui Ly Bao Ngoc

- **Watch on:** Netflix

IT'S OK (Lebanese, series)

An intimate look inside the life of Lebanese superstar Elissa as she prepares to drop her first independent album and reflects on her path to stardom.

Cast: Elissa

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
Zee5:	₹699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹299/month
Aha:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

SOUND OF THE VOID

A 4-member, all-woman band from B'luru is eroding the idea that rock genre is a male domain

PARVANA K B

DESPITE the success of all-woman bands like the Spice Girls, Fifth Harmony, The Pussycat Dolls, and Black Pink, the music industry remains largely male-dominated, especially in the rock genre. Nowhere is this disparity more profound than in India, where women are forced to shy away from music due to a slew of factors.

Now, breaking stereotypes is The Void, an all-woman band from Mount Carmel College. They were in Thiruvananthapuram recently to enthral everyone at a concert.

The Void's journey started in 2014 when its four members — Vinaya Grace Mary, Felsy Hubert Royer, Suvarna Magaji, and Liza Lyngdoh — met as part of the college basketball team.

"As we got talking, we realised that we all either played instruments or sang. It just made perfect sense for us to start a band. Our first gig was for our college festival. Since then, we've played at venues across the country," says Vinaya, a Malayali with roots in Ooty.

While Vinaya has some Kerala connections, Bengaluru-based Felsy is a half-Malayali, while Suvarna and Liza hail from Bengaluru and Shillong, respectively. The group sees themselves as experimenters, pushing the boundaries that limit them and their music.

"The sole purpose of our music is to convey the message that everyone should do what they love and have fun with it. Music should be something that makes the audience forget the troubles of the world, even if only for a moment. They should feel united through music," says Vinaya, who plays the guitar for the band.

However, the journey has not been easy. "During the initial days, questions were asked about our band's true purpose, whether we will matter. I believe it stems from deeply entrenched misconceptions that people have of music. We believe that we have consistently proved the nay-sayers wrong by way of our music," she adds.

The group has been playing together for 10 years now. Over time, the four have developed a strong understanding of each other's tastes and methods, allowing their music to flourish. "Whenever we get together, we have such a blast! Not just on the stage but also off it. We are always goofing around and pulling each other's legs. That translates to our chemistry on stage," says vocalist Felsy.

Members of The Void – Liza Lyngdoh, Felsy Hubert Royer, Vinaya Grace Mary, and Suvarna Magaji

The Void's music inspirations are drawn from personal stories, and myths and legends. Being fans of Alicia Keys, Coldplay, Hozier, Guns N' Roses, Ed Sheeran and Amy Winehouse invariably also means that these artistes influence the group's music.

For the four women, action and representation matter more. "Most industries are male-dominated, and music is no different. However, seeing more female artists take to the stage gives us hope that there would be parity in the future," says Suvarna, the group's drummer. "As one of the few all-woman bands in the country, we hope that we're helping pave the way for young girls to embrace music," adds Liza, the lead guitarist.

Their advice to budding talents: "You've got to keep doing something that you genuinely love. There might be pushback in the beginning, especially from loved ones. But once they see your happiness, their minds are bound to change. At least, that was our experience."

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

BRINGING BACK THE LOST CROWN

PRINCE of Persia: The Lost Crown is one of those weird instances of reverse catfish. It attempts to hook you with a start that has some of its most boring gameplay and cutscenes. I thought the characters looked basic and buff — like, they would not be out of place in Valorant, enough to throw me off giving the game an honest shot. The first boss fight felt like a budget version of something in a street fighter game. I almost felt bad for Sargon, the lead character. He is one of the most reactive and fun characters to play with in videogames, and he felt almost out of place in this dry start. And then suddenly, The Lost Crown had me declaring that it might just be one of the best games I would play this year.

We have heard the story of the Lost Crown before. It's no different from the seasoned trope in the Zelda series and in the Mario games. Here, the real Prince of Persia is kidnapped, right under the supervision of Sargon and his 'Immortals' crew.

This elite soldier force run after the perpetrators and find themselves in a lost city that is frozen in time. Sargon's job is to rescue the prince, and in the process, rescue the city from the monsters that have taken over.

As a two-dimensional side scrolling game, there isn't anything revolutionarily new here. It is almost reminiscent of the original game from 1989, but only much, much better. It follows the tried and tested 'metroidvania' gameplay progression and does it well. A slow starter, the game finally reels you in once you get the 'dash' ability and the arrow shooting skill. And then, from being a linear map, the city unfurls like a gigantic banyan tree, pushing you into new exploratory regions where you must use the new-found abilities. I really enjoyed the environmental puzzles, and only wish there were more of them. Blocked passages somewhere only mean that you await a new skill that will get you past it a few hours later. I was also quite impressed with the 'clone' ability, where Sargon can freeze a version of himself somewhere on the map, and teleport back to that version.

Sargon is fast. Which makes him extremely easy to work with in combat situations, because enemies (if you play it on the easy mode), are often slow to react. He also consistently picks up charms for his necklace along the way, which enhances certain types of combat reactions in fights. The game also features a very God of War-esque rage mode, called 'Athra' surge, that can be unleashed strategically in boss battles.

But battles aren't as exciting for me as the challenge of navigating through the perilous corridors of its map. The game isn't shy with using spikey platforms, poison lakes, and gigantic, fast-swinging blade pendulums to create a hazardous obstacle course. It encourages Sargon to be creative to zoom past the obstacles. It embraces the 'platform' aspect of the game without relegating it to the primary focus, ensuring a dynamic experience throughout.

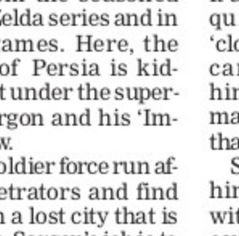
Undeniably the best part of the game is that it is accessible — especially if you are new to platformers, and metroidvania in general. It is a lot more approachable than the Ori series — although when it comes down to it, I would admit that I liked the Ori games a lot more than the Lost Crown. The game is currently available for the PC, PlayStation, Xbox, and Nintendo Switch.

(The writer's views are her own)

NUGGETS

Exploring Rajasthan through food

Get ready for a journey into the heart of Rajasthan's flavours at Lush, the all-day multi-cuisine dining restaurant at Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel, as they present A Royal Feast, the Rajasthani Food Festival. Indulge in flavours till February 10. The highlight of the festival includes mogar ki kachori, a crispy appetiser with moong dal flavours. Mangodi ke kebabs, crafted from sun-dried lentil dumplings infused with herbs and spices, offer a crunchy taste. The dinner is priced at ₹2,200 per person.



CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUHASINI SATHYANARAYAN,** aged 22yrs, D/o. Late Sathyanarayanan Narasimhalu, Residing at Flat No. R-404, Mantri Serenity, Kanakapura Main Road, Doddakallasandra,Bengaluru-560062, declare that **SUHASINI S, SUHASINI** and **SUHASINI SATHYANARAYAN,** all the names pertaining to one and the same person myself only. Vide affidavit dated: 02.02.2024 before notary K.V. MANI, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Khushbu Kumari G, W/o. Susheel Kumar and D/o. Ganapathlal, aged about 35 years, R/at No.15, 3rd A Cross, Guru Sarvabhouma Nagar, Near GRC Brundavan Apartment, Nayandahalli, Bangalore-560039. have changed my name to **KHUSHBU KUMARI** vide Affidavit dated 03.02.2024 sworn before advocate and notary Sumithra .N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Susheel Kumar P, S/o. Prakash Chand, aged about 34 years, R/at No.15, 3rd A Cross, Guru Sarvabhouma Nagar, Near GRC Brundavan Apartment, Nayandahalli, Bangalore-560039. have changed my name to **SUSHEEL KUMAR** vide Affidavit dated 03.02.2024 sworn before advocate and notary Sumithra .N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Tejaswini Ramesh residing at Flat-304, 2 Block, Hertitage Estae, Near CRPF, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064 have changed my name from NIVEDITA to TEJASWINI RAMESH vide affidavit dated 02.02.2024 sworn before Notary S. R. Ravikumar.

DECLARATION
I, RASHMI ALAKEMAJALU, and also known as RASHMI AJJAVARA, aged about 31 years, D/o. Krishna Naik. N, # 3-78, Alakemajalu House, Bantwal Taluk, Idkidu, Dakshina Kannada-574220, I declare that the names **RASHMI ALAKEMAJALU, RASHMI A and RASHMI AJJAVARA,** belongs to me only, and three names belong to one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 01/01/2024 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAHIL A NADAF**
S/o AKBARSAHEB NADAF
R/o 109, Sai Balaji Residency, Parappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Bengaluru – 560100 Karnataka. I have changed my name from **SAHIL AMAN** (Old Name) to **SAHIL A NADAF** (New Name) sworn before Advocate & Notary B.K. Prasanna vide affidavit dated 02/02/2024 at Ballari.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOHAN** S/o **Shashikumar Kodipura** R/at No. 69, 1st D Cross, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, S.N. Layout, Bangalore-560079, have changed my name to **SOHAN SHASHIKUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 3/2/2024 Before Notary **Onkarappa .N.R** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMVATI DEVI** mother of 15196788Y Hav (Clk) Rahul Kumar residing at Vill Near Police Station Bahjoi, Post-Bahjoi, Teh-Chandausi, Distt-Sambhal (UP), PIN 244410, have changed my name from **RAMVATI DEVI** to **RAMWATI**, vide affidavit dated 02 Feb 2024 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, RT Nagar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMA DEVI,** legally wedded spouse of No. 1358699K, HON NB/SUB SANJEEVA RAO .V, presently residing at No. 01, 1st Floor, Byraveshwara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, HP Gas Godown Road, VTC, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura PO, Benglauru-560097 have changed my name from **UMA DEVI** to **UMA DEVI .K**, vide affidavit dated 01/02/2024 sworn before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA**, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **GANDHAM ERMIA,** S/o Gandham Samuel, residing at #305, Opp. to Kateramma Temple, Devarabisanahalli, Bellandur Post, Bengaluru East, Bengaluru-560103 have changed my name to **GANDHAM JEREMIAH,** vide affidavit dated 02/02/2024, sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT
I, **H. GANESH BHANDARKAR**, S/o H. Nagesh Bhandarkar, age 30 years, permanently R/at Abhiman Srinivas Apartment, Flat No. 204, Field Street Road, Carstreet, Mangaluru-575001 presently R/at Pooja Nilaya Apartment, Flat No. 301, 12th B Cross Road, Bellandur, Bangalore-560 013 do hereby declare that my correct name is **H. GANESH BHANDARKAR,** but in my school records and driving licence my name is wrongly mentioned as **GANESH NAGESH BHANDARKAR** instead of **H. GANESH BHANDARKAR**, vide affidavit dated 3-2-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **UDAY KARIYAPPA B.G.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANJAY M DESHPANDE**, S/o. Malhar N Deshpande, Aged about 44 years, residing at # 102, 3rd Cross, Near Ganesh Temple, Venkataswamappa Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North - 560 097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANJAY DESHPANDE** to **SANJAY M DESHPANDE** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2024 sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANDHYA KULKARNI**, Resident of No. B7, 1077, Sobha Garrison Apartment, 7th Floor, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore - 560 073, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANDHYA** to **SANDHYA KULKARNI** vide affidavit dated 02.02.2024 sworn to before Kodi Nagappaya, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, D B Janakamma, residing at No.3, Byatarayanapura, 3rd Floor, Near Fortune Icon Apartment Sahakarnagar, VTC, Bengaluru-560092 Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that my name is changed from **JANAKI CHANDRA SHEKAR** to **DB JANAKAMMA** Vide affidavit dated 30-01-2024 Sworn before notary Devaraja E. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RITIKA RAJESH KUMAR (OLD NAME), AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS, D/O RAJESH KUMAR PARASMAL, RESIDING AT NO 972, NAGARATHPET MAIN ROAD, DHARMARAYA SWAMY TEMPLE STREET, BENGALURU 560002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **RITIKA KUMARI RAJESH KUMAR (NEW NAME)** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 02/FEB/2024, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY S. I. BALAGURU BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED SULAIMAN ASIF** (OLD NAME), S/o. ABDUL SATTAR RESIDING AT No. 1/1, 1ST MAIN ROAD, 1ST CROSS, M.S. NAGAR, TIRUMENAHALLI, YELAHANKA POST, BENGALURU- 560064, HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME **"MOHAMMED SULAIMAN ASIF"** TO NEW NAME **"MOHAMMED ATTAULLA"** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED. 30-01-2024, BEFORE THE NOTARY **SIVAKUMARA M.N,** BANGALORE METROPOLITAN AREA, FOR ALL OFFICIAL AND LEGAL PURPOSES, AND PARTICULARLY FOR PASSPORT.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHAILA VIVEK** W/o Kota Sadashiva Vivek, age 45 years, R/at No. 25/1, B101 Renaissance Temple Bells, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-560 022, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that in my mother's name in her Aadhar Card and Passport, her name is mentioned as **MALATHI CHANDRASHEKHARA MAIYA** and in my passport my mother's name is mentioned as **MALATHI CHANDRASHEKARA MAIYA**, both names **MALATHI CHANDRASHEKARA MAIYA and MALATHI CHANDRASHEKARA MAIYA** are one and the same and belongs to her only, I hereby request the concerned authority may kindly mention my mother's name in my passport as **MALATHI CHANDRASHEKHARA MAIYA**, vide affidavit dated 1-2-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Ratna N.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJANNA** Son of Late. Channa Ankegowda, aged 52 years, Residing at No. 43, Malur Hobli, Siddanahalli Village, Bevur Mandya Post, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District, have changed my name from **ANKE GOWDA** to **RAJANNA,** vide affidavit dated 3/2/2024 sworn to before Aruna.V advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Nagamma**, W/o. Sri. Venkatesha, Aged about 37 years, residing at Malavalli Town, Pete Okkaligara Bidi, Malavalli, Mandya - 571 430, today at Bangalore, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **NAGARATHNA M.V.** to **CHARU M.V.** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2024 sworn to before G. Dayananda, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Prashanth .S**, S/o. Sathyanarayana Reddy, Residing at No. 6, Veerabadra Swamy Nilaya, Halasahalli Cross, Varthur Main Road, Vartur, Bengaluru - 560 087, do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **PRASANTH SATHYANARAYANA REDDY** to **PRASHANTH .S** vide affidavit dated 01.02.2024 sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVI** S/o Chandrashekar, #27, Flat No.201, SLN Residency 6th A Cross, Annayappa Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore Karnataka-560094 have changed my name from **RAVI CHANDRASHEKAR** to **RAVI** vide affidavit dated 03/02/2024 sworn before notary Ramachandrappa C., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VASANTHI (OLD NAME), AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS, D/O BALAKRISHNA, RESIDING AT NO 32, 2ND CROSS, BERLIE STREET, CORPORATION QUARTERS, BETHALE LAYOUT, SHANTHINAGAR, BENGALURU 560025, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **VASANTHI BALAKRISHNA (NEW NAME)** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 24/JAN/2024, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY S. I. BALAGURU BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAGAVENI SOGALI**, W/o. Veerabhadrappa K Telasang, Aged about 34 years, resident of No.103, Palm Leaves, 1st A Cross, Sumukha Layout, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru 560061, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **NAGAVENI SOGALI** to **NAGAVENI V TELASANG**, vide affidavit dated 02/02/2024 sworn before notary HG Padmanabha Rao, Reg.No.12464, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHAILA VIVEK** W/o Kota Sadashiva Vivek, age 45 years, R/at No. 25/1, B101 Renaissance Temple Bells, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-560 022, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that in my father's name in his Aadhar Card and Passport, his name is mentioned as **CHANDRASHEKHARA MAIYA PARAMPALLI** and in my passport my father's name is mentioned as **PARAMPALLI CHANDRASHEKARA MAIYA**, all names **CHANDRASHEKHARA MAIYA PARAMPALLI. CHANDRA SHEKHARA MAIYA P, CHANDRASHEKHARA PARAMPALLI MAIYA, PARAMPALLI CHANDRA SHEKHARA MAIYA** and **PARAMPALLI CHANDRASHEKARA MAIYA**, all are one and the same and belongs to him only. I hereby request the concerned authority may kindly mention my father's name in my passport as **CHANDRASHEKHARA MAIYA PARAMPALLI**. vide affidavit dated 3-2-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Ratna N.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Jaya H Jain**, Wife of Hirachand. S. Jain, Aged around 61 years, residing at # 2a/35, Shanthi Niketan, 31st Cross, 3rd Main Road, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 011, do hereby declare that **Jaya H Jain** and **Jaya H Gandhi** is the name of one and the same person and that is my self. Vide affidavit dated 02.02.2024 sworn to before Mamatha N.K., Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ASHOK KUMAR PITLIYA**, S/o. Bhawarlal, Aged 55 years, Residing at # B 401, Mantri Greens, # 1 Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003, do hereby declare that **ASHOK KUMAR PITLIYA** and **ASHOK KUMAR** both the names belongs to me only & the names are one and the same. Vide affidavit dated 28.12.2023 sworn to before Mamatha N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, 1. **Smt. SURBHI SANTOSH LILANI**, W/o. Santosh Kumar Ramesh Lilani (Name of Wife), Aged about 32 years, **Mr. SANTOSH KUMAR RAMESH LILANI** S/o. Late Sri. Ramesh Lilani (Name of Husband), Aged about 34 years, Both are residing at # B005, Silver County Apartment, KSRPC Road, Kudlu, Opp. SNN Builders, Kudlu, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 068, Karnataka, do hereby declare that, **SURBHI BHATIA,** (maiden name of wife) **D/o. Sri. ANOOP KUMAR MEHROTRA** would henceforth be known as **Smt. SURBHI SANTOSH LILANI W/o. SANTOSH KUMAR RAMESH LILANI** (name of wife after marriage) by virtue of our marriage. Vide affidavit dated 01.02.2024 sworn to before Jain Swarnamala, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **P SRIDEVI** wife of JC-413786K Sub (Clk) A APPALA RAJU residing at House No 10-14-1795, Sitaram Nagar Colony, Nizamabad (Telangana), PIN 503001, have changed my name from **P SRIDEVI** to **A SRIDEVI**, vide affidavit dated 30 Jan 2024 before Notary S R Ravikumar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUSHEELA (OLD NAME), AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, W/O RAMESH KUMAR, RESIDING AT NO 4, 5TH CROSS, OPP. MARUDHAR MEWA, R.T. STREET, CHICKPET, BENGALURU 560053, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **SUSHILA KUMARI (NEW NAME)** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 22/JAN/2024, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY MEER HASSAN BENGALURU.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **BHAVANA SURESH**, D/o Mr. Suresh B, age 23 years, R/at No. 22, Siddeshwara Sayyadri Balaga, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Hesaraghatta, Benglauru-560 073 do hereby declare that I was known and called as **BHAVANA SURESH** and the same appears in all my documents, but in my passport by oversight, my name is mentioned as **BHAVANA SURESHA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **BHAVANA SURESH** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3-2-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.B. TURAMARI** at Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **PANKAJ KUMAR T KAKAIYA @ PANKAJ KUMAR TULSIDAS**, S/o Late Tulsidas J Kakaiya, age 62 years, R/at Flat No. S-1, Ashraya Apartment No. 36, 1st Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, 3rd Stage, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **PANKAJ KUMAR T KAKAIYA** and **PANKAJ KUMAR TULSIDAS** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 3rd February 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Vani .S**, W/o. Singaravelu V.R, Aged about 56 years, residing at 1, Sri Ganesh Nivas, Krishna Road, VTC Basavanagudi, Post Basavanagudi, Sub-District, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 004, State Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Vani** to **Vani .S** vide affidavit dated 02.02.2024 sworn to before RaviKumar .V, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt. **MEENA E,** aged about 34 years, W/o. Sri M. Suresh, Residing at No. 39B, Horeb Church, Amarjoythi Layout, Ashwathnagar, Thanisandra, SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Smt. **ANKITHA SURESH** to Smt. **MEENA E,** vide affidavit dated 02.02.2024, sworn to before Y.R. Chandrasekar, Notary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHYLAJA G.** D/o. Gangabairaiah, Aged about 44 years, R/at No. 672/C, 11th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, K.R. Road, Kaggalipura, Bangalore - 560 082, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHYLAJA G.** to **Dr. AGHARBHANATH AGHOR BHAIRAVI** vide affidavit dated 29.12.2023 sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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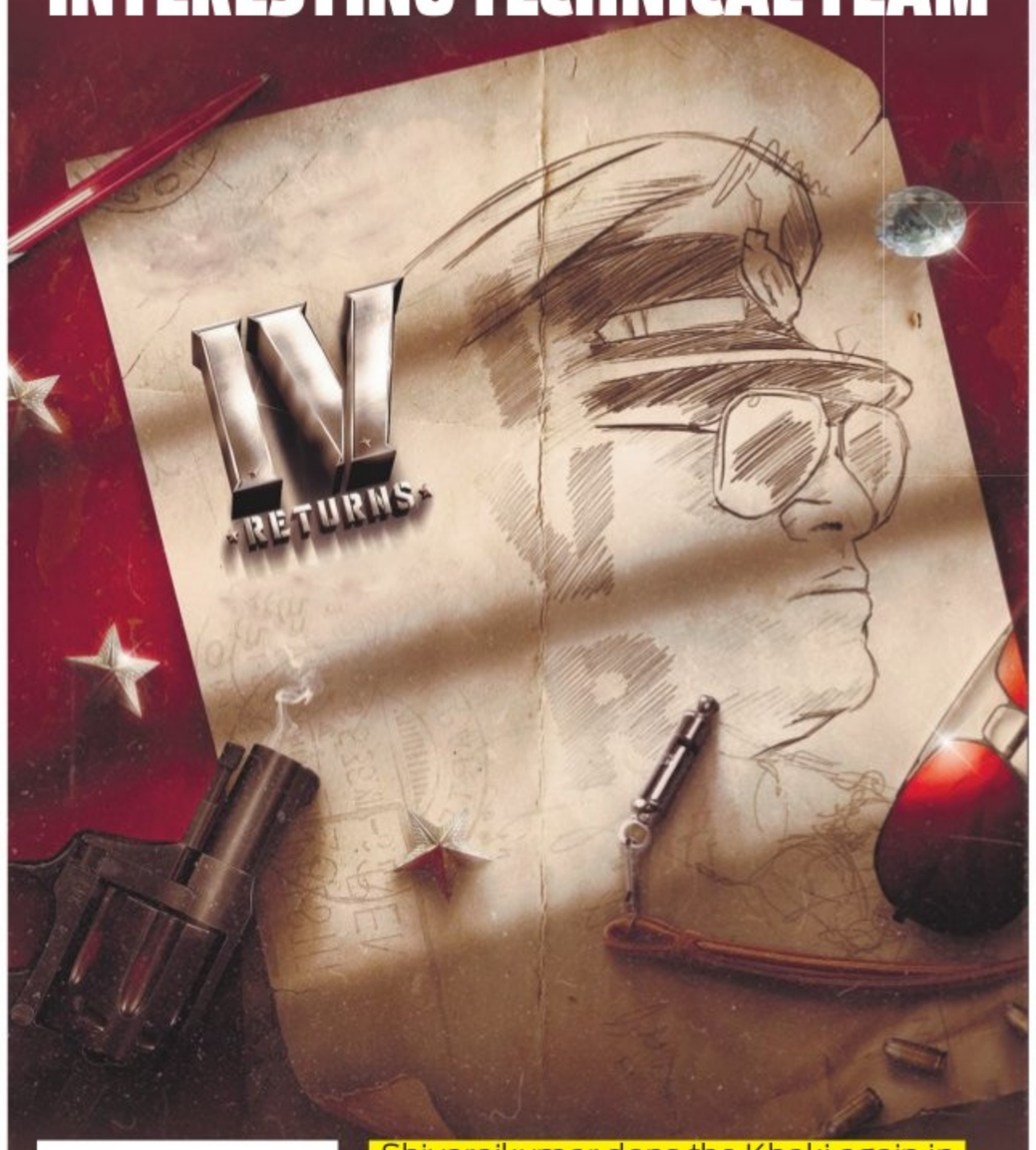
SHIVARAJKUMAR'S *IV RETURNS* ASSEMBLES AN INTERESTING TECHNICAL TEAM



Shivarajkumar dons the Khaki again in the directorial debut of Lakki Gopal

A SHARADHAA

SHIVARAJKUMAR, who has a slew of projects in the pipeline, is gearing up for his latest endeavour *IV Returns,* which marks the directorial debut of Lakki Gopal. The film has sparked excitement since its announcement, as it is set to revive Shivanna's cherished titular character from the comedy-thriller *Inspector Vikram* (1989), after a hiatus of 34 years.

Produced by Mylari M, along with Renuka Prasad and Mysuru Ramesh overseeing the production, the project is set to rope in a star-studded cast. Meanwhile, the makers have finalised the technical team. With Vidhyadharan penning the story, Lakki Gopal's debut feature will have noted composer Amrish scoring the music. Maasthi, the dialogue writer of *Kaatera* and the upcoming *Bheema* is also onboard, along with cinematographer Mahendra Simha, known for *Rustum* and *Ghost*. Deepu S Kumar will be taking care of editing while stunt choreography will be handled by Chethan D Souza.

Shivarajkumar is awaiting the release of *Karataka Dhamanaka,* which is slated to hit theatres on March 8. He is currently shooting for *Bhairathi Ranagal,* and *45,* and simultaneously gearing up to commence filming for *IV Returns*.

Shivarajkumar with the technical team

Darshan's *Kaatera* gets digital release date

The mass commercial entertainer directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir will be out on Zee5

CE FEATURES

DARSHAN'S *Kaatera* helmed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir, which hit theatres on December 29, has been declared a commercial blockbuster with a box office collection grossing over 200 crores. The film, which continues to do a successful run in theatres, will make its digital premiere on ZEE5 on February 9.

Backed by Rockline Venkatesh and directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir, who has also penned the script along with Jadeshaa K Hampi, *Kaatera* has dialogues by Maasthi. The film also features debutante Aradhanaa, Jagapathi Babu, Kumar Govind, Vinod Alva, Shruti, Biradar, and child artist Rohith PV, among others. The film has V Harikrishna scoring music and cinemtatography by Sudhakar S Raj. Set in the 1970s, the mass action entertainer follows Darshan's titular *Kaatera*, a skilled weaponsmith on a mission to assist farmers in implementing the Land Reforms Act, as he navigates various challenges against the backdrop of agrarian struggles.

KM Chaitanya set to direct Vinod Prabhakar's 25th in gripping underworld tale

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR KM Chaitanya is currently gearing up for the release of his upcoming romantic drama, *Abbabba,* starring Likith Shetty, and Amrutha Iyengar, which is scheduled to hit theaters on February 16. Meanwhile, there is a buzz around the director's next project, and our source says Chaitanya will be directing Vinod Prabhakar marking the actor's 25th film. The gripping tale, centered on the underworld, will be produced by Padmavathi Jayaram for Padmavathi Films.

In a previous conversation with *CE*, Chaitanya had shared that he was writing a story that delves into the underworld. He further emphasised that the film is not a true story and also not a sequel to his debut *Aa Dinagalu,* but the film's narrative is connected to Karnataka's history. As per the latest update, the film's script has taken shape and the project is set to be headlined by Vinod Prabhakar.

KM Chaitanya

Chaitanya is not new to the theme as he has previously explored the underworld in *Aa Dinagalu*. The upcoming film will mark the director's first collaboration with Vinod, who is known as a mass hero. While the details about the project are kept under wraps, the official announcement regarding the film is expected to be made shortly.

Meanwhile, Vinod Prabhakar has two projects, *Maadeva* and *Lankasura* at different stages of production.

An official announcement regarding the project and the title is expected to be out shortly

Vinos Prabhakar

Effectively captures the struggle between parental expectations and a child's passion

A SHARADHAA

RATING 3/5

AS the age-old adage goes, 'Parents dream big for their children, especially when it comes to their education.' From a young age, aspirations are set, with the parents often envisioning a future where their child embarks on the well-trodden paths of engineering or medicine. Nestled within this familiar adage, *Click,* directed by Shashikumar, delicately unveils the often unspoken stories of parents who might find themselves unable to fully comprehend their children's true passion. The film serves as a touching exploration of the intricate relationship between parental expectations and a child's genuine calling.

The heart of the film beats in rhythm with the life of Samarth (Pavan Basrur), who plays the son. In a world that often dictates a predetermined path of engineering or medicine for the youth, Samarth finds solace and passion in the art of photography. His parents, portrayed by Sanket (Sanket) and Sumana (Sumana Shashi), harbouring dreams of a professional and successful future for their son, are taken aback by his deviation from the conventional routes. The film gracefully manoeuvres through Samarth's internal conflict and unwavering determination to follow his heart, even in the face of societal pressures and parental expectations.

Here, Shashikumar explores the complexities of parental expectations, exposing the downside of the presumption that a parent knows what is best for their child. The narrative becomes a mirror to society, reflecting conventional parenting norms that may hinder the personal growth of a child. With its treatment, the film may seem tailored for children but it is crafted with a message for the parents. The storytelling and performances deliver a powerful reminder for the parents to support their children's dreams, even if they deviate from the conventional path.

CLICK

Director: Shashikumar

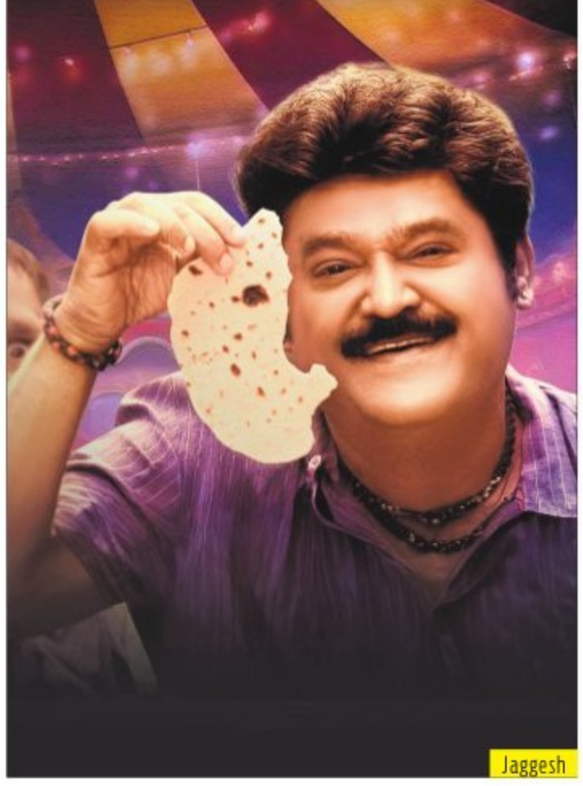
Cast: Pavan Basrur, Karthik, Chandrakala Mohan, Sanju Basayya, Sumana, and Rachana Dashrath

Pavan Basrur, son of noted composer Ravi Basrur marks his acting debut with *Click*, and he breathes life into Samarth's character, showcasing his deep love for photography and his steadfast resistance to conform to traditional expectations. Joining him are Karthik, Chandrakala Mohan, Sanju Basayya, Sumana, and Rachana Dashrath, who play effective supporting roles.

Jeevan Gowda's cinematography forms a visual symphony, which acts as the silent storyteller; accentuating the emotional nuances of Samarth's journey. The evocative music composed by Vishwas Koushik and background score by Akash Parva, further elevates the narrative.

Click may not follow the usual storytelling norms but it weaves a compelling narrative through a relatable story and themes that are very relevant to our times. The film offers valuable insights into the delicate relationships between a parents and children and how even good intentions might become restrictive. As you walk away, pondering the lessons, the real question lingers—will these insights truly find their place in our lives? Only time will tell.

Ranganayaka's 'Gaali Tangaali' song earns acclaim for its Kannada essence



Jaggesh

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Jaggesh and filmmaker Guruprasad, known for their previous hits like *Matta* and *Edelu Manjunatha,* are set to repeat the magic with *Ranganayaka*. The film, which comes 15 years after the duo's previous collaboration, is gearing up for release on March 8, on the occasion of Shivaratri. Recently the makers unveiled the first single from *Ranganayaka,* titled *Gaali Tangaali*, which has garnered attention for a couple of reasons.

Composed by Anoop Seelin, who also lends his voice alongside Muniraju, *Gaali Tangaali*, with lyrics by Guruprasad, brings forth the essence of Kannada. The video song not only focuses on the film's lead Jaggesh, but also features junior artists portraying eminent personalities like Ambareesh, Ravichandran, Vishnuvardhan, Rajkumar, Shankar Nag, and more.

Ranganayaka, produced by Vikyath A R under the Vikhyath Chithra Production banner, is touted to be a period drama political satire. Distributed by Zee Studios, the film introduces Tamil television actor Rachitha Mahalakshmi, who will share the screen with Jaggesh.